BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
3 9999 06543 130 4

Accession 283.842

PRESENTED TO THE

6350.8
1879.

Public Library of the City of Boston

By Prof. H. W. Haynes.

Received Oct. 12, 1880.

Digitized by the Internet Archive
in 2011 with funding from
Boston Public Library

http://www.archive.org/details/proceedingsofsch1879bost

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF

BOSTON.

1879.

BOSTON:
ROCKWELL AND CHURCHILL, CITY PRINTERS,
No. 39 ARCH STREET.
1879.

283242

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Jan. 13, 1879.

The meeting for the organization of the Board of School Committee for this municipal year was held, by order of His Honor the Mayor, in the School Committee chamber, Mason-street building, on Monday, Jan. 13, 1879, being the second Monday in said month, at seven and one-half o'clock, P.M.

Present: all the members; Hon. Fred'k O. Prince, President of the Board, in the chair.

At the request of the President, prayer was offered by Rev. A. A. Miner, D.D.

The Chair read the following communication from the City Clerk: — Communication from City Clerk.

CITY OF BOSTON.

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE, CITY HALL,
Dec. 31, 1878.

GEORGE A. SMITH, *Secretary School Committee*: —

SIR, — This is to certify that it appears by the returns of votes cast in the several ward precincts of this city on the 10th inst., for members of the School Committee, that the following persons, having a plurality of ballots, appear to have been duly chosen as members of said committee, for the terms herein indicated. For *three years*, from the second Monday of January, 1879: Charles C. Perkins, John J. Hayes, John G. Blake, John B. Moran, James W. Fox, Brooks Adams, Charles H. Reed, Osborne Howes, Jr. For *two years*, from above date: Joseph D. Fallon. For *one year*, from above date: George B. Hyde.

S. F. McCLEARY,
City Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Finney, a committee of three was appointed to collect the certificates of members-elect. Certificates of members-elect.

The Chair appointed as that committee Messrs. Finney,

Hayes, and Moran, who, after attending to their duties, reported the credentials of the ten newly elected members, to be in due form.

Rules and Regulations adopted.

On motion of Mr. Winship, the Rules of the School Committee and Regulations of the Public Schools of the last year were adopted as the Rules and Regulations of the present year until otherwise ordered.

Election of a Vice-President.

On motion of Mr. Winship, the Board proceeded to the choice of a Vice-President, and Messrs. Winship, Perkins, and Chapin were appointed a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes for said officer. They reported the whole number of votes to be 24. Necessary for a choice, 13. Wm. H. Finney had 24, and was accordingly declared elected.

Election of a Secretary and Auditing Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Winship, the Board proceeded to the choice of a Secretary and Auditing Clerk. Messrs. Winship, Perkins, and Chapin were appointed a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes. They reported the whole number of votes to be 25. Necessary for a choice, 13. Blank 3; George A. Smith had 22, and was accordingly declared elected.

Election of a Messenger.

On motion of Mr. Moran, the Board proceeded to the choice of a Messenger. Messrs. Moran, Ryan, and Fox were appointed a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes. They reported the whole number of votes to be 24. Necessary for a choice, 13. Alvah H. Peters had 24, and was accordingly declared elected.

Election of a Treasurer of the Corporation.

On motion of Mr. Finney, the Board proceeded to the choice of a Treasurer of the Corporation. Messrs. Finney, Blake, and Fallon were appointed a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes. They reported the whole number of votes to be 24. Necessary for a choice, 13. Abram E. Cutter had 24, and was accordingly declared elected.

His Honor the Mayor appointed the following Standing Committees, also the Normal School, High School, and Division Committees, viz.: — Appointments of Committees.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Accounts. — William T. Adams, Chairman; Messrs. Winship, Porter, Hayes, Reed.

Deaf-Mutes. — F. Lyman Winship, Chairman; Messrs. Ryan, Blake.

Drawing and Music. — Charles C. Perkins, Chairman; Miss Peabody, Messrs. Cutter, Porter, Reed, Blake.

Elections. — George M. Hobbs, Chairman; Messrs. Fallon, Porter.

Evening Schools. — Warren Fletcher, Chairman; Messrs. Hayes, Porter, Hobbs, Fox.

Examinations. — Charles L. Flint, Chairman; Mr. Moran, Miss Peabody, Messrs. Collar, Hyde.

Kindergartens. — John G. Blake, Chairman; Miss Peabody, Mr. Bowditch.

Licensed Minors. — William J. Porter, Chairman; Messrs. Chapin, Reed.

Nominations. — George H. Plummer, Chairman; Messrs. Porter, Bowditch, Howes, B. Adams.

Rules and Regulations. — George M. Hobbs, Chairman; Messrs. Finney, W. T. Adams, Fallon, B. Adams.

Salaries. — John J. Hayes, Chairman; Messrs. Plummer, W. T. Adams, Chapin, Moran.

School-houses. — Nahum Chapin, Chairman; Messrs. Plummer, Moran, Bowditch, Winship.

Sewing. — F. Lyman Winship, Chairman; Mr. Chapin, Miss Peabody, Messrs. Ryan, Fox.

Supplies. — William H. Finney, Chairman; Messrs. Plummer, Ryan, W. T. Adams, B. Adams.

Appointments of Committees.

Truant Officers. — The Mayor, Chairman; Messrs. Ryan, Cutter, Finney, Hayes.

Text-Books. — John G. Blake, Chairman; Messrs. Finney, Collar, Fallon, B. Adams.

NORMAL, HIGH SCHOOL, AND DIVISION COMMITTEES.

Normal School. — Messrs. Hobbs, Moran, Finney, Hyde, B. Adams.

High Schools. — Messrs. Flint, Bowditch, Collar, Miss Peabody, Mr. Blake.

First Division. — Messrs. Plummer, Fletcher, Chapin, Porter, Cutter.

Second Division. — Messrs. Cutter, Chapin, Fletcher, Perkins, Howes.

Third Division. — Messrs. Perkins, Porter, Plummer, Ryan, B. Adams.

Fourth Division. — Messrs. Blake, Hayes, Reed, Fox, Fallon.

Fifth Division. — Messrs. Hayes, Flint, Howes, Reed, Hyde.

Sixth Division. — Messrs. Fox, Blake, Ryan, Collar, Fallon.

Seventh Division. — Messrs. Moran, Hobbs, Miss Peabody, Messrs. Ryan, Finney.

Eighth Division. — Messrs. Winship, Bowditch, Hyde.

Ninth Division. — Messrs. W. T. Adams, Finney, Collar.

Petition for Recount of ballots in Ward 9, Precinct 4.

The Chair read the following communication: —

BOSTON, Dec. 23, 1878.

To the School Board of the City of Boston: —

The subscriber respectfully prays your honorable body to cause a recount of the ballots for School Committee cast at the recent Mu-

nicipal Election in Ward 9, Precinct 4, as owing to some irregularity in that ward he believes he was legally elected a member of the School Board in place of Osborne Howes, Jr.

THOMAS M. BREWER.

Mr. Winship moved that the petition be referred to the Committee on Elections with instructions to report back to the Board.

Amendment to Petition.

Mr. Fox moved to amend the petition so as to provide for a recount of all the votes cast for School Committee for three years, at the recent municipal election.

Mr. Plummer raised the question of the right of the Board to go back of the election returns as certified to by the City Clerk.

The Chair decided that the Board was the judge of the qualifications and elections of its own members.

Mr. Fox's amendment passed by a vote of 12 to 9.

Mr. Winship's motion passed as amended.

Communication from W. McMahon.

The Chair read a petition from Mr. W. McMahon, relative to an exhibition of Prof. Edison's inventions.

On motion of Mr. Winship, referred to the Committee on Supplies.

Communication from Prof. Walter Smith.

The Chair read a communication from Prof. Walter Smith, concerning the delivery of an address by him at Washington.

On motion of Mr. W. T. Adams, referred to the Committee on Drawing and Music with full powers.

Resignation of Mr. Blake from Drawing and Music Committee.

On account of an error in the number of members appointed to serve as the Committee on Drawing and Music, Mr. Blake resigned his position as a member of that committee.

The resignation was accepted.

Approval of appointments.

On motion of Mr. Winship the various appointments of committees were approved by the Board.

On motion of Mr. Finney the rules were suspended, and it was

Adjournment.

Ordered, That when this Board adjourn, it be to meet on Tuesday, Jan. 28th, at half-past seven o'clock, P.M.

On motion of Mr. Winship, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, it was

Leave of absence to Nellie A. Hoar.

Ordered, That leave of absence for three months from Jan. 1, 1879, be granted to Nellie A. Hoar, fourth assistant in the Bennett District.

Helen Harrington, substitute.

Mr. Winship, for the same committee, reported the name of Helen Harrington as a substitute for longer than one month in the Bennett District.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Cutter, for the Committee on the Second Division, it was

Leave of absence to Frances L. Dodge.

Ordered, That leave of absence for three months, from Dec. 1. 1878, be granted to Frances L. Dodge, third assistant in the Warren District.

On motion of Mr. Hayes it was

Legislature Committee.

Ordered, That a Special Committee of three be appointed to take charge of all matters relating to the schools of Boston that may come before the Legislature during the present year.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Hayes, Hobbs, and Chapin, to serve as the above committee.

Approved.

On motion of Mr. Flint, for the Committee on High Schools, it was

Leave of absence to Moses Merrill.

Ordered, That leave of absence for the remainder of the school-year be granted to Moses Merrill, Head-Master of the Public Latin School.

Mr. Fletcher offered the following: —

Accommodat'ns for military drill in E. Boston Branch High School.

Ordered, That the Committee on Public Buildings be requested to provide suitable accommodations for the mili-

tary drill of boys in the East Boston Branch High School, and that this order be referred to the Committee on School Houses, with full powers.

Passed.

Mr. Hobbs offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to provide further primary-school accommodations in the vicinity of Grove Hall, and also in Monroe street.

Primary accommodations at Grove Hall and in Monroe st.

Read, and referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Bowditch, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the order passed Dec 10, 1878, placing Maria H. Lathrop, third assistant in the Mt. Vernon District, upon the fourth year of service, take effect from the date of her nomination on probation, viz., Sept. 2, 1878.

Salary of Maria H. Lathrop.

Read and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Bowditch, for the same committee, reported the name of Ida H. Adams as a substitute for longer than one month in the Hillside District.

Ida H. Adams, substitute.

Accepted.

Mr. Blake offered the following: —

Ordered, That principals of schools are hereby requested to direct a closer observance of Section 199 of the Regulations, and that where children are absent by reason of contagious disease, the truant officers be required to ascertain from the attending physician if the time fixed by the rules of this Board has elapsed before the children return to school.

Section 199, contagious diseases.

Passed.

Mr. Fletcher, for the Committee on Evening Schools, reported the name of Annie D. Clough, as assistant in the Brighton Evening School.

Nomination of Annie D. Clough.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. W. T. Adams, for the Committee on the Ninth Division, it was

Leave of absence to Almy C. Plummer.

Ordered, That leave of absence for four months be granted to Almy C. Plummer, third assistant in the Harris District.

Emma F. Simmons, substitute.

Mr W. T. Adams, for the same committee, reported the name of Emma F. Simmons as a substitute for longer than one month in the Harris District.

Accepted.

Nomination of Helen L. Brown.

Mr. Winship, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, reported the nomination of Helen L. Brown, as temporary third assistant in the Allston District, from Jan. 14, 1879.

Referred to the Committee on Nominations.

Unfinished business referred.

On motion of Mr. Finney, the unfinished business of the last Board was referred to the respective committees.

Adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Finney the Board adjourned at half-past eight o'clock.

Attest.

GEO. A. SMITH,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Jan. 28, 1879.

A regular and adjourned meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past 7 o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: All the members except Miss Peabody, Messrs. Chapin, Ryan, and Howes.

On motion of Mr. Winship, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following nominations: — Report of Committee on Nominations.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Girls' Latin. — Augusta R. Curtis and Elizabeth P. Howard, fourth assistants.

English High. — Charles O. Whitman, junior master.

Chapman District. — Annie M. Crozier, first assistant.

Dearborn District. — Frances T. Kelley and Ida M. Presby, third assistants; Abby S. Oliver and Bridget E. Scanlon, fourth assistants.

Lyman District. — Clara E. Robinson, fourth assistant.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

ON PROBATION.

Girls' High. — Sarah L. Becker, fourth assistant, from Dec. 24, 1878.

West Roxbury High. — Louise M. Thurston, third assistant, from Jan. 2, 1879.

Central District. — Martha H. Ames, fourth assistant, from Jan. 15, 1879.

Comins District. — Celia M. Chase, fourth assistant, from Jan. 2, 1879.

Gibson District. — Grace St. L. Urann, third assistant, from Dec. 24, 1878.

Hillside District. — Amy Hutchins, first assistant, from Feb. 1, 1879.

Minot District. — Hattie J. Bowker, fourth assistant, from Jan. 2, 1879.

Accepted.

FOR TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

West Roxbury High. — George C. Mann, master, from Jan. 2, 1879.

Allston District. — Helen L. Brown, third assistant, from Jan. 14, 1879.

Charles Sumner District. — Lena S. Weld, fourth assistant, from Jan. 1, 1879.

Comins District. — Annie J. Whelton, fourth assistant, from Dec. 16 to Dec. 24, 1878; Celia M. Chase, fourth assistant, from Dec. 9 to Dec. 13, 1878.

Emerson District. — Lizzie Morrisey, fourth assistant, from Jan. 1, 1879.

Frothingham District. — Abbie C. McAuliffe, fourth assistant, from Dec. 2, 1878.

Lawrence District. — Hannah L. McGlinchey, third assistant, from Dec. 2 to Dec. 16, 1878.

Accepted.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, reported the following resignations: —

Bowditch District. — Mary J. Crotty, fourth assistant, to take effect Jan. 6, 1879.

Central District. — Mary E. Tufts, fourth assistant, to take effect Jan. 15, 1879.

Emerson District. — Ernestine Ditson, fourth assistant, to take effect Jan. 1, 1879.

Minot District. — Angelina A. Brigham, fourth assistant, to take effect Jan. 1, 1879.

Accepted.

Mr. Wm. T. Adams, for the Committee on Accounts, submitted the following report: —

Industrial Education. Report of Committee on Accounts.

At the meeting of the School Committee held February 12, 1878, a committee of three, consisting of Mr. Thayer, Miss May, and Mr. Blake, was appointed "to visit the Industrial School in Church street, and consider the general subject of Industrial Education."

At the meeting of May 28, this special committee reported the following order: —

"That a sum not exceeding one thousand dollars be appropriated for the support of a class in industrial training during the next school year."

This order, requiring an expenditure, was referred to the Committee on Accounts. For some reason it was not reported upon, and was referred, from the files of last year, to the Committee on Accounts of this year.

As two of the special committee are not now members of the Board, and no new committee has been appointed to carry out whatever plan was proposed by the former one, this committee consider it inexpedient to appropriate the money under the present circumstances. As His Honor the Mayor, in his inaugural address, favors the establishment of industrial schools, it is for the Board to determine whether or not a new committee shall be appointed to consider the subject.

Accepted.

Committee appointed on Industrial Education.

Subsequently the Chair appointed Messrs. Blake, Bowditch, and Perkins a committee to further consider the subject.

On motion of Mr. Perkins, for the Committee on the Third Division, it was —

Leave of absence to E. M. Harrington, B. C. Farrington, L. M. Rea, L. M. A. Redding.

Ordered, That leave of absence for the remainder of the present school year be granted to Eliza M. Harrington, third assistant, Phillips District; Barbara C. Farrington, fourth assistant, Bowdoin District; Lois M. Rea and L. M. A. Redding, fourth assistants, Wells District.

Mr. Perkins, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Boundary Eliot School District.

Ordered, That after February 1 the boundaries of the Eliot School District be fixed as follows: —

Beginning at the water at the Lowell Freight Depot, thence by both sides of Billerica street to Lancaster street; thence by centre of Lancaster street to Merrimac street; thence by centre of Merrimac street to Portland street; thence by both sides of Portland street to Hanover street; thence by both sides of Hanover street to Washington street; thence by centre of Washington street to State street; thence by centre of State street to the water; thence by the water to the point of beginning.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Boundary Phillips School District.

Ordered, That after February 1 the boundaries of the Phillips School District be fixed as follows: —

Beginning at the water at the Lowell Freight Depot; thence by the rear of the west side of Billerica street to Lancaster street; thence by centre of Lancaster street to Marrimac street; thence by centre of Merrimac street to Portland street; thence by rear of the west side of Portland street to Hanover street; thence by the centre of Hanover street to Washington street; thence by the centre of Washington street to Court street; thence by the centre of Court street to Tremont street; thence by the centre of Tremont street to Beacon street; thence by the centre of

Beacon street to Charles street; thence by the centre of Charles street to a point on a line of Byron street, extended; thence by said line and centre of Byron street to Brimmer street; thence by centre of Brimmer street to passage-way immediately in the rear of estates fronting on Beacon street; thence in a south-westerly direction by said passage-way to the water; thence by the water to point of beginning.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. Flint, for the Committee on High Schools, it was

Ordered, That leave of absence, without salary, until September 1, 1879, be granted to E. W. Howe, master of the West Roxbury High School. Leave of absence to E. W. Howe.

Mr. Flint, for the same committee, offered the following orders: —

Ordered, That Arthur Driver be paid as temporary fourth assistant in the West Roxbury High School, from December 23, 1878, to January 20, 1879. Compensation to Arthur Driver.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Ordered, That the sum of twenty-three dollars and sixty-six cents be paid to Wm. A. Reynolds, for services as Master in the Latin School. Compensation to Wm. A. Reynolds.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Bowditch, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Board of Supervisors be directed to issue a certificate of the fourth grade to Mary E. Brooks, fourth assistant in the Central District, on account of previous service. Certificate to Mary E. Brooks.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Examinations.

On motion of Mr. Bowditch, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That leave of absence until April 1st, 1879, Leave of absence to Clara

J. Reynolds and Jennie A. Eaton.

be granted to Clara J. Reynolds, second assistant in the Central District; and leave of absence for the remainder of the school year be granted to Jennie A. Eaton, fourth assistant in the Hillside District.

Mr. Bowditch, for the Committee on School Houses, offered the following orders: —

Charles Sumner Primary, closed.

Ordered, That the Primary Department in the Charles Sumner School building be closed till the condition of the premises shall be made satisfactory to the City Board of Health.

Passed.

Report of Board of Health on Charles Sumner School-house.

Ordered, That the report of the City Board of Health in regard to the present condition of the premises be referred to the Committee on School Houses, with full powers.

Passed.

Mr. Winship, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, offered the following: —

Salary of Adelaide C. Williams.

Ordered, That Adelaide C. Williams, of the Allston District, be allowed the fifth year's salary, to commence at the expiration of her two years' term of service in the said district, in Feb., 1879.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Fletcher offered the following: —

Additional accommodations East Boston High School.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to provide additional accommodation for the East Boston Branch High School in the old Lyman School building.

Read, and referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Report of Committee on Elections.

Mr. Hobbs, for the Committee on Elections, submitted a report on the recount of votes cast at the recent municipal election for School Committee for three years, which was accepted, and, on motion of Mr. William T. Adams, ordered to be printed as Document 1, 1879.

Mr. Hobbs, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Whereas, It appears from a recount of the original ballots cast at the late municipal election for members of the School Committee for three years, that Thomas M. Brewer was elected a member in place of Osborne Howes, Jr., who received a certificate of election, —

Thomas M. Brewer elected in place of Osborne Howes, Jr.

Resolved, That Thomas M. Brewer is entitled to the seat in this Board now occupied by Osborne Howes, Jr.

Passed.

Mr. Hobbs, for the Committee on the Normal School, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Committee on the Normal School be authorized to arrange for courses of instruction to the teachers of the school, as they may deem expedient.

Normal School course of instruction to teachers.

Passed.

Mr. Hobbs, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Committee on Salaries fix the salary of W. Bertha Hintz, who was appointed, in 1878, a special teacher in the Normal School, with the rank of second assistant.

Salary of W. Bertha Hintz.

Passed.

On motion of Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on the First Division, it was

Ordered, That leave of absence until the close of the school year be granted to Lucy A. and Eliza A. Wiggin, fourth assistants in the Adams District.

Leave of absence to Lucy A. and Eliza A. Wiggin.

Mr. Finney offered the following: —

Ordered, That a committee of five, authorized to call upon the Superintendent and Supervisors for such assistance as they may require, be appointed to examine and inquire into the practical utility of Dr. Leigh's system of "Pronouncing Orthography" as a means of learning to read in the lowest classes of the Primary Schools, and to report on the subject before the first meeting of this Board in April.

Utility of Dr. Leigh's system.

Passed.

Committee appointed on Leigh's System.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Wm. T. Adams, Brewer, Porter, Bowditch, and Hyde to serve as the above committee.

Mr. Finney offered the following: —

Revision of school system.

Ordered, That a special committee of five be appointed, with full authority to examine into every department of the school system of this city, to ascertain what, if any, change or changes can be made in the organization of the public schools, the courses of study, the furnishing of supplies, etc., by which the annual expenses may be lessened or the efficiency of the schools increased.

Passed.

Committee appointed on revision of school system.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Finney, Wm. T. Adams, Porter, Cutter, and B. Adams to serve as the above committee.

On motion of Mr. Finney, it was

To report in print.

Ordered, That this committee be authorized to report in print.

On motion of Mr. Fletcher, for the Committee on Evening Schools, it was

Date of service of Annie D. Clough.

Ordered, That the term of service of Annie D. Clough, previously nominated as assistant in the Brighton Evening School, begin Dec. 23, 1878.

Mr. Wm. T. Adams offered the following orders: —

Free text-books Grammar Schools.

Ordered, That the Committee on Supplies be instructed to consider the expediency of furnishing all text-books in Grammar Schools free of expense to the pupils.

Passed.

Free text-books and material in High Schools.

Ordered, That the Committee on Supplies be instructed to consider the expediency of furnishing all text-books and materials used in the High Schools, free of expense to the pupils.

Passed.

Ordered, That the Committee on Salaries be requested to report a salary for the Messenger of the Board, at the next regular meeting. Salary of Messenger of School Board.

Passed.

On motion of Mr. Porter, the Board adjourned at five minutes after eight o'clock. Adjournment.

Attest:

GEO. A. SMITH,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Feb. 11, 1879.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: All the members except Messrs. Chapin, Fox, and Moran.

On motion of Mr. Hayes, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed. Records approved.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following nominations: — Reports of Committee on Nominations.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Bunker Hill District. — Julia L. Adams, fourth assistant. Confirmation of teachers.

Mather District. — J. Annie Bense, first assistant, and Mary C. Turner, fourth assistant.

Prescott District. — Mary E. Franklin and Harriet L. Todd, fourth assistants.

Wells District. — Emma S. Beede, first assistant.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

ON PROBATION.

Girls' High School. — Emily M. Deland, fourth assistant, from Nov. 22, 1878. Teachers on probation.

West Roxbury High School. — Janet W. Williams, fourth assistant, from Jan. 20, 1879.

Andrew District. — Mary L. Fitzgerald, third assistant, from Feb. 3, 1879.

Bowditch District. — Marian A. Flynn, fourth assistant, from Jan. 6, 1879.

Dudley Boys' District. — Mabel F. Wheaton, third assistant, from Feb. 3, 1879.

Hancock District. — Honora T. O'Dowd, third assistant, second year, from Feb. 1, 1879.

Accepted.

FOR TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Chapman District. — Mary A. Palmer; *Rice District.* — Mary E. O'Connor; *Lewis District.* — Althia W. Barry; *Franklin District.* — Abby H. Babson; third assistants from Feb. 3, 1879, respectively.

Accepted.

Resignations of teachers.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, reported the following resignations: —

Girls' High School. — Emily P. Hidden, fourth assistant, to take effect Dec. 21, 1878.

Dwight District. — Helen M. Kimball, third assistant, to take effect Jan. 21, 1879.

Accepted.

Reports of Com. on Salaries.

Mr. Hayes, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred — Jan. 28 — an order concerning the salary of Adelaide C. Williams, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Salary of Adelaide C. Williams.

Ordered, That Adelaide C. Williams, of the Allston District, be allowed the fifth year's salary, to begin at the expiration of her two years' term of service in said district, in February, 1879.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Hayes, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Jan. 28 — an order concerning compensation to Arthur Driver, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That Arthur Driver be paid as temporary fourth assistant in the West Roxbury High School, from Dec. 23, 1878, to Jan. 20, 1879. Compensation to Arthur Driver.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Hayes, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Jan. 28 — an order concerning compensation to W. A. Reynolds, reported that the following order ought to pass : —

Ordered, That the sum of twenty-three dollars and thirty-three cents be paid to W. A. Reynolds, for services as sub-master in the Latin School. Compensation to W. A. Reynolds.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Hayes, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Jan. 28 — an order to report a salary for the messenger of the Board, recommended the passage of the following order : —

Ordered, That the salary of the messenger of the Board be fixed at the rate of $200 per annum, until otherwise ordered, to date from Jan. 14, 1879. Salary of Messenger of Sch. Board.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Hayes, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Jan. 13 — an order concerning the salary of Maria H. Lathrop, reported that the following order ought to pass : —

Ordered, That the order passed Dec. 10, 1878, placing Maria H. Lathrop, third assistant in the Mt. Vernon District, upon the fourth year of service, take effect from the date of her nomination on probation, viz. : Sept. 2, 1878. Salary of Maria H. Lathrop.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Hayes, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Jan. 28 — an order to fix the salary of W. Bertha Hintz, reported that the following order ought to pass :—

Ordered, That the salary of W. Bertha Hintz, special teacher in the Normal School, be fixed at the rate of $1,080 per annum, to date from Sept. 1, 1878. Salary of W. Bertha Hintz.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Hobbs offered the following: —

Salary of Celia M. Chase.

Ordered, That Celia M. Chase, fourth assistant in the Comins District, be paid the maximum salary of that grade in consideration of her previous service.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Hayes offered the following: —

Salary of Marian A. Flynn.

Ordered, That the maximum salary of her grade be paid to Marian A. Flynn, fourth assistant in the Bowditch District, from the date of her nomination on probation.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Fletcher, for the Committee on Evening Schools, offered the following: —

Change of name of Dorchester Evening School.

Ordered, That the name of the "Dorchester Almshouse Evening School" be changed to the Mather Evening School.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. Hayes, for the Committee on the Fifth Division, it was

Leave of absence to Elizabeth E. Boies.

Ordered, That leave of absence for the remainder of the present school year be granted to Elizabeth E. Boies, third assistant in the Sherwin District.

Mr. W. T. Adams offered the following: —

Copies of Semi-annual Report printed.

Ordered, That two thousand copies of the Superintendent's Semi-annual Report — Doc. 2, 1879 — be printed.

Passed.

The Chair read the following communication: —

February 11, 1879.

Resignation of Mr. Blake from Com. on Horace Mann School.

To the President of the School Board: —

DEAR SIR, — I herewith tender my resignation as member of the Committee of the Horace Mann School for the Deaf.

Truly yours,

JOHN G. BLAKE.

Accepted.

The Chair appointed Mr. Thomas M. Brewer to serve on the Committee on the Horace Mann School, in place of Mr. John G. Blake, resigned. Committees appointed.

Approved.

The Chair appointed Mr. Thomas M. Brewer to serve on the Committee on Nominations and on the Committees on the Second and Fifth Divisions, in place of Mr. Osborne Howes, Jr.

Approved.

Mr. B. Adams requested to be relieved from further service on the Committee on Nominations. Resignation of Mr. B. Adams from Com. on Nominations.

Granted.

The Chair appointed Mr. Abram E. Cutter to serve on the Committee on Nominations, in place of Mr. B. Adams, resigned. Appointment of Mr. Cutter on Com. on Nominations.

Approved.

On motion of Mr. W. T. Adams, it was

Ordered, That the usual number of School Manuals for 1879 be printed. Manuals to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Finney, the Board adjourned at eight o'clock, P.M. Adjournment.

Attest:

GEORGE A. SMITH,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Feb. 25, 1879.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the Vice-President in the chair.

Present: All the members except His Honor the Mayor, Messrs. Brewer, Chapin, Fallon, Hobbs, Moran, Perkins, and Ryan.

On motion of Mr. Winship, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following nominations: — Reports of Committee on Nominations.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Harvard District. — Alice T. Smith, fourth assistant. Accepted. Confirmation of teachers.

ON PROBATION.

Bigelow District. — Fannie L. Toppan, third assistant, from Feb. 3, 1879. Nomination of teachers.

Dudley Boys' District. — Annie J. Whelton, fourth assistant, from Feb. 3, 1879.

Dudley Girls' School. — Catharine J. Finneran, third assistant, from Feb. 3, 1879.

Accepted.

FOR TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Bowdoin District. — Fanny N. Nickerson, third assistant, from Feb. 3, 1879. Temporary teachers.

Gaston District. — Carrie A. Harlow, third assistant, from Feb. 13, 1879.

Accepted.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, reported the following resignations: —

Resignation of teachers.

Bigelow District. — Lucy R. Cutter, third assistant, from Feb. 1, 1879, and Jennie A. Cheney, third assistant, from Feb. 3, 1879.

Accepted.

Transfer of E. L. B. Hintz.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, reported the transfer of Emma L. B. Hintz, from the position of fourth assistant in the Dudley Boys' District, to the same position in the Rice District, to take effect Feb. 3, 1879.

Accepted.

Substitute, Mary A. Carney.

Mr. Hayes, for the Committee on the Fourth Division, reported the name of Mary A. Carney as a substitute for longer than one month in the Bowditch District.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Hayes, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred — Feb. 11 — an order concerning the salary of Marian A. Flynn, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Salary of Marian A. Flynn.

Ordered, That Marian A. Flynn, fourth assistant in the Bowditch District, be placed upon her sixth year's service in that grade, to date from Jan. 6, 1879.

Accepted, and the order passed.

On motion of Mr. Hayes, for the Committee on the Fourth Division, it was

Leave of absence to Mary E. Sawyer.

Ordered, That the leave of absence granted to Mary E. Sawyer, fourth assistant in the Quincy District, be extended to May 1.

Evening Schools, petition for extension of term.

The Chair read a petition, signed by seventy pupils of the old Franklin Evening School, praying for an extension of the term of that school.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Evening Schools.

The Chair read a communication from Jeremiah E. Thomas, asking that old text-books be granted to colored schools in Georgia, etc. Old text-books for colored schools.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Supplies.

Mr. Reed was called to the Chair.

Mr. Finney requested to be relieved from further service on the Committees on Truant Officers and Rules and Regulations. Resignations from committee.

Granted.

The Vice-President resumed the chair.

The Chair appointed Mr. Fletcher to serve on the Committee on Truant Officers, and Mr. Brewer to serve on the Committee on Rules and Regulations. Appointments to committees.

Approved.

Miss Peabody, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, to whom was referred — Nov. 12, 1878 — an order for change of name of the Girls' Dudley School, reported, recommending the passage of the following order: — Report of Committee on Seventh Division.

Ordered, That the Dudley School for Girls be hereafter called the Dillaway School. Girls' Dudley School, change of name.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Hayes moved that the reference of the petition to the Committee on Evening Schools be amended by adding "with full powers." Motions relative to Evening Schools.

Mr. Porter moved that all Evening Schools be included in the petition.

Mr. Blake moved that the rules be suspended to admit of entertaining the above motions.

Lost, by a vote of seven to eight.

On motion of Mr. Porter, the Board adjourned at fifteen minutes before eight o'clock. Adjournment.

Attest:

GEORGE A. SMITH,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, March 11, 1879.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the Vice-President in the chair.

Present: All the members except His Honor the Mayor, Messrs. Blake, Fox, and Ryan.

On motion of Mr. Hobbs, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following nominations: — Reports of Committee on Nominations.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Charlestown High. — Annie M. Wilde, fourth assistant. Confirmation of teachers.

Brimmer District. — Emily B. Burrill, fourth assistant.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Bennett District. — Eliza W. Jones, second assistant, from March 3, 1879. Nomination of teachers.

Brimmer District. — Sarah E. Adams, third assistant, from Feb. 3, 1879.

Dorchester-Everett District. — Hattie A. Darling, third assistant, from March 10, 1879.

Wells District. — Alice M. Brown, third assistant, from Feb. 7, 1879.

Winthrop District. — Catherine K. Marlow, second assistant, from March 1, 1879; Lucy Merrill, third assistant, from March 3, 1879.

Accepted.

FOR TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Dwight District. — Clara C. Dunn, third assistant, from Jan. 22 to Feb. 20, 1879.

Accepted.

Resignations of teachers.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, reported the following resignations: —

Quincy District. — Margaret F. Tappan, third assistant, to take effect March 1, 1879.

Winthrop District. — Mary F. Light, second assistant, to take effect March 1, 1879.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on Drawing and Music.

Mr. Perkins, for the Committee on Drawing and Music, to whom was referred, from the files of last year, a petition for the establishment of an Evening Drawing School in Ward 25, reported as follows: —

Evening Drawing School, Ward 25.

That it is not expedient to grant the petition signed by thirty-three residents of Ward 25, praying for the establishment of a Free Evening Drawing School in that locality, as the number of the petitioners is not sufficient to warrant the belief that it would be attended by enough pupils to justify the necessary expenses in carrying it on.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on Leigh's type.

Mr. W. T. Adams, for the Committee appointed, January 28, to examine and inquire into the practical utility of Dr. Leigh's system of "Pronouncing Orthography" as a means of learning to read in the lowest classes of the Primary Schools, reported at length to the effect, that they have sent circulars containing inquiries in regard to Leigh's type to the Principals of Grammar Schools and the teachers of the 4th, 5th, and 6th Primary classes, and have received a great diversity of opinion in reply.

The committee believe that the main cause for the disfavor which this system meets is the lack of knowledge, on the part of the teachers, of the correct methods of instruct-

ing. They believe that both systems should be tried, side by side, for a year or more, each by those who believe in it. They, therefore, recommend the passage of the following order: —

Ordered, That, for the next school-year, Leigh's System of Pronouncing Orthography may be used in such districts as the Division Committee thereof may determine.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Com. on School-houses.

Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on School Houses, to whom was referred — Nov. 26, 1878 — an order for the enlargement of the yard of the Prescott School-house, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Prescott School-house yard enlarged.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to enlarge the yard of the Prescott School-house, by taking a strip of land adjoining on the north-east side, about ten feet in width, now owned and not used by the city.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Perkins, for the Committee on the Third Division, offered the following: —

Primary Sch. to be placed under care of Supt. and one Supervisor.

Ordered, That the Third Division Committee be authorized to place one of the Primary Schools in the district entrusted to their charge, under the special care and supervision of the Superintendent and one of the Supervisors.

Passed.

Mr. Winship, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, offered the following: —

Transfer of Anna Leach.

Ordered, That Anna Leach, second assistant in the Bennett District, be transferred to the Gaston District, to date from March 1.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Nominations.

Mr. Cutter, for the Committee on the Second Division, offered the following: —

Salary of Mary E. Franklin.

Ordered, That Mary E. Franklin, of the Prescott District, be paid the maximum salary of her grade from Sept. 2, 1878, in consequence of previous service.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Perkins, for the Committee on Drawing and Music, offered the following: —

Exhibition of Drawings, Public Schools.

Ordered, That the Committee on Drawing and Music be authorized to hold an Exhibition of Drawings from the Public Schools, in conjunction with the State Board of Education, at an expense not exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars; and that said exhibition be held during the coming month of May.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Report of Com. on School-houses.

Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on School Houses, to whom was referred — Jan. 28 — an order for additional accommodation for the East Boston Branch High School, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

East Boston Branch High Sch. — additional accommodation.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to provide additional accommodation for the East Boston Branch High School, in the Old Lyman School building.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Perkins, for the Committee appointed to consider the subject of Industrial Education, offered the following: —

Appropriation for Industrial School.

Ordered, That the sum of twelve hundred dollars be appropriated for the establishment and support of an Industrial School, to be opened at the beginning of the next school year.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Supplies.

First report of Com. on Revision of Sch. System.

Mr. W. T. Adams, for the Special Committee appointed January 28th, to consider the subject of Revision of the School System, submitted in print the first report of that committee (School Document No. 4), and moved that it be specially assigned to 8.15 o'clock.

Mr. Hayes moved that the consideration of the report be postponed to the next meeting of the Board.

Lost.

Mr. Adams' motion passed.

Mr. Hayes, for the Committee on the Fourth Division, reported the name of Annie W. Seaverns, as a substitute for longer than one month in the Brimmer District.

Annie W. Seaverns, substitute.

Accepted.

Mr. Winship, for the Committee on the Horace Mann School for the Deaf, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Committee on the Horace Mann School for the Deaf be authorized to confer, with full powers, with the Committee of the State Legislature having charge of appropriations for said school.

Com. on Horace Mann School to confer with Com. of State Legislature.

Passed.

On motion of Mr. Hyde, for the Committee on the Fifth Division, it was

Ordered, That leave of absence for the remainder of the school-year be granted to Sarah E. Crocker, fourth assistant in the Dwight District.

Leave of absence to Sarah E. Crocker.

Mr. Flint offered the following: —

Ordered, That the order adopted by this Board on the ninth of July last, requesting the Board of Supervisors to examine the organization of all the schools and report to this Board on or before the first regular meeting in May, be rescinded.

Order rescinded.

Passed.

Mr. Moran offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Committee on Supplies be authorized and instructed to cause to be published such number of charts of the School Districts as they may deem necessary.

Charts of School Districts.

Passed.

Mr. W. T. Adams offered the following: —

Certificate to Mary G. C. Leavitt.

Ordered, That the Board of Supervisors be instructed to grant a certificate of service of the third grade to Mary G. C. Leavitt, in consideration of five years' acceptable service in the public schools of Boston, as assistant and as master's assistant.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Examinations.

Mr. Hyde offered the following: —

Spelling-books and Arithmetics to be returned.

Ordered, That the Committee on Supplies be requested to return the Spelling-books and Arithmetics to the principals who desire them.

Mr. Hobbs moved to amend the order by substituting the words "all the principals" for the words "the principals who desire them."

Withdrawn.

Mr. Fallon renewed the amendment moved by Mr. Hobbs.

Lost by a vote of 7 to 11.

Mr. Hobbs moved that the consideration of the order be indefinitely postponed.

Lost by a vote of 8 to 11.

Mr. Collar moved to amend the order by substituting the words "have requested" for the word "desire."

Passed.

On motion of Mr. Porter, the order as amended was referred to the Committee on Text-Books by a vote of 16 to 2.

Com. from Bd. of Supervisors. Fifth Grade Certificates.

The Chair read the following communication from the Board of Supervisors: —

IN BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, BOSTON, March 10, 1879.

Resolved, That, as the School Committee has ordered four grades of certificates of qualification instead of five, the Board of Supervisors recommend to the School Committee to authorize the issue of a fourth-grade certificate of service to all holders of fifth-grade certificates of service, issued under Section 148 of the Rules.

Attest: GEO. A. SMITH,
Secretary.

Referred to the Committee on Examinations.

On motion of Mr. W. T. Adams, the special assignment — the First Report of the Committee on Revision — was taken up. Special assignment.

The 1st order accompanying the report was then considered.

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations be instructed to report an amendment to Section 44 of the Rules by inserting after the word "writing," in the fifth line, "with their reasons for or against such propositions."

Passed.

Mr. Hayes moved to reconsider the passage of the order.

Lost.

The 2d order, as follows, was then considered : —

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations be instructed to report an amendment to Section 137, providing for the election, biennially, of four instead of six Supervisors, at the expiration of the present term of Supervisors.

Mr. Moran moved the substitution of the word "three" for the word "four."

Mr. Bowditch moved that the order be laid on the table.

Lost by a vote of 9 to 9.

Mr. Collar moved to specially assign the consideration of the order to 8 o'clock at the next regular meeting of the Board.

Lost by a vote of 5 to 14.

Mr. Perkins moved the substitution of the following order : —

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations be instructed to consider the advisability of electing, bien-

nially, four instead of six Supervisors, at the expiration of the present term of Supervisors.

Lost.

Mr. Hayes asked if the Superintendent had given his opinion upon the order.

The Chair stated that the Superintendent was consulted on a great many matters, but not upon this.

Mr. Moran's motion was lost.

On motion of Mr. Moran the yeas and nays were ordered on the passage of the remaining orders in the report.

Passed.

The 2d order was passed by the following vote: —

Yeas. — Messrs. B. Adams, W. T. Adams, Chapin, Collar, Cutter, Fallon, Hyde, Moran, Porter, Plummer, and Reed. — 11.

Nays. — Miss Peabody, Messrs. Bowditch, Brewer, Fletcher, Flint, Hayes, Perkins, and Winship. — 8.

The 3d order, as follows, was then considered: —

Ordered, That the Committee on Sewing be instructed to report a plan by which the instruction in sewing shall be given by the regular teachers, under the supervision of one or more directors in this branch.

Mr. Bowditch moved an amendment by substituting the words "report upon the expediency of having the regular teachers instruct in sewing" in place of that part of the order following the words "be instructed to."

Lost.

The order was passed by the following vote: —

Yeas. — Messrs. B. Adams, W. T. Adams, Collar, Cutter, Fallon, Hyde, Moran, Porter, Plummer, and Reed. — 10.

Nays. — Miss Peabody, Messrs. Bowditch, Brewer, Chapin, Fletcher, Flint, Hayes, Perkins, and Winship. — 9.

The 4th order, as follows, was then considered: —

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations be instructed to report an amendment to Section 368, as follows: —

SECT. 368 Truant officers shall wait upon the evening schools when in session, and visit the residences of absentees, with a view to procure their attendance.

Section 368 to be 369, and last line but two to read, "transmit to the Superintendent a report of the doings of himself and his subordinates, and the Superintendent shall report the same to the Committee on Truant Officers whenever their action may be required."

Mr. Moran called for a division of the question.

Passed.

The first part of the order passed by the following vote: —

Yeas. — Miss Peabody, Messrs. B. Adams, W. T. Adams, Bowditch, Brewer, Chapin, Collar, Cutter, Fallon, Flint, Hayes, Hyde, Moran, Perkins, Porter, Plummer, Reed, and Winship. — 18.

Nays. — None.

The second part of the 4th order passed by the following vote: —

Yeas. — Miss Peabody, Messrs. B. Adams, W. T. Adams, Bowditch, Brewer, Chapin, Collar, Cutter, Fallon, Flint, Hayes, Hyde, Moran, Perkins, Plummer, Reed, and Winship. — 17.

Nay. — Mr. Porter. — 1.

The 5th order, as follows, was then considered: —

Ordered, That the Kindergarten be abolished at the close of the present school-year, and that the Committee on Rules and Regulations be directed to report the necessary changes in the rules.

Mr. Bowditch moved that the order be specially assigned to 8 o'clock at the next regular meeting of the Board.

Lost.

Mr. Perkins moved to amend the order by inserting the words "the expediency of" between the words "report" and "the" in the last line.

Lost.

Mr. Collar moved that the order be amended so as to provide that the Committee on Rules and Regulations be directed to report the necessary changes in the rules to effect the change at the close of the school-year.

Passed.

The 5th order as amended passed by the following vote: —

Yeas. — Miss Peabody, Messrs. B. Adams. W. T. Adams, Bowditch, Brewer, Chapin, Collar, Cutter, Fallon, Flint, Hyde, Moran, Perkins, Porter, Plummer, and Reed. — 16.

Nay. — Mr. Hayes. — 1.

The 6th order, as follows, was then considered: —

Ordered, That the Committee on Licensed Minors be directed to consider and report a plan for the admission of girls to the schools for Licensed Minors.

Passed by the following vote: —

Yeas.—Miss Peabody, Messrs. B. Adams, W. T. Adams, Bowditch, Brewer, Chapin, Collar, Cutter, Fallon, Flint, Hayes, Hyde, Moran, Perkins, Porter, Plummer, and Reed.

Nays. — None.

Petition for Primary class, Ward 24.

Mr. Reed presented a petition from sixty residents of Ward 24, praying for the establishment of a primary class near Ashmont Station, Ward 24.

Read and referred to the Committee on School-houses.

On motion of Mr. Porter the Board adjourned at five minutes after ten o'clock.

Attest:

GEO. A. SMITH,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, March 25, 1879.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: All the members.

On motion of Mr. Finney, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following nominations: — Reports of Com. on Nominations.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Chapman District. — Margaret B. Erskine, third assistant. Confirmation of teachers.

Emerson District. — Laura S. Plummer, third assistant, Ida J. Breckenbridge, fourth assistant.

Minot District. — Katie S. Gunn, fourth assistant.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Dwight District. — Laura Frost, third assistant, from Feb. 24, 1879. Nomination of teachers.

Eliot District. —Minnie I. Folger, third assistant, from Feb. 3, 1879.

Accepted.

FOR TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Adams District. — Mattie K. Borden, third assistant, from Feb. 3, 1879. Temporary teachers.

Central District. — Mary E. Driscoll, fourth assistant, from March 8, 1879.

Dwight District. — Ella Bradley, fourth assistant, from Dec. 15, 1878.

Frothingham District. — Abbie C. McAuliffe, fourth assistant, from March 3, 1879.

Prescott District. — Lydia E. Hapenny, fourth assistant, from March 3, 1879.

Quincy District. — Katherine A. Murtagh, third assistant, from March 3, 1879.

Accepted.

Transfer of teacher.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, reported the transfer of Anna Leach from the position of second assistant in the Bennett District to the same position in the Gaston District, the transfer to take effect March 1, 1879.

Accepted.

Reports of Com. on Examinations: issue of fourth-grade certificates of service.

Mr. Flint, for the Committee on Examinations, to whom was referred — March 11, 1879 — a communication from the Board of Supervisors recommending the issue of fourth-grade certificates of service to all holders of fifth-grade certificates of service, reported, recommending the passage of the following order: —

Ordered, That the Board of Supervisors be instructed to issue fourth-grade certificates of service to all holders of fifth-grade certificates of service, issued under Section 148 of the Rules.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Certificate of service to Mary G. C. Leavitt.

Mr. Flint, for the same committee, to whom was referred — March 11, 1879 — an order that the Board of Supervisors be instructed to grant a certificate of service of the third grade to Mary G. C. Leavitt, reported that the order ought not to pass.

Accepted.

Reports of Com. on Salaries.

Mr. Hayes, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred — March 11, 1879 — an order that the maxi-

mum salary of her grade be granted to Mary E. Franklin, of the Prescott District, reported that, in consideration of five years' previous service in the schools of the city, the following order ought to pass: —

Salary of Mary E. Franklin.

Ordered, That Mary E. Franklin, fourth assistant in the Prescott District, be placed upon her sixth year's service in that grade, to date from September 2, 1878.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Hayes, for the same committee, to whom was referred — February 11, 1879 — an order that the maximum salary of her grade be paid to Celia M. Chase of the Comins District, reported that, in consideration of six years' acceptable service in other cities, the following order ought to pass: —

Salary of Celia M. Chase.

Ordered, That Celia M. Chase, fourth assistant in the Comins District, be placed upon her fourth year's service in that grade, to date from January 2, 1879.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Com. on Supplies. Furnishing of text-books and materials.

Mr. Finney, for the Committee on. Supplies, to whom were referred — January 28 — two orders, instructing them to consider the expediency of furnishing all text-books and other supplies to the pupils of the public schools, submitted in print a report (School Document No. 6), which, on motion of Mr. Finney, was laid on the table.

Second report of Com. on Revision of School System.

Mr. Finney, for the Special Committee appointed January 28 to consider the subject of revision of the school system, submitted in print the second report of that committee (School Document No. 5), which, on motion of Mr. Finney, was laid on the table.

Report of Com. on Accounts. Exhibition of drawings.

Mr. W. T. Adams, for the Committee on Accounts, to whom was referred — March 11 — an order that the Committee on Drawing and Music be authorized to hold an exhibition of drawings from the public schools in conjunction with the State Board of Education, at an expense

not exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars, and that the exhibition be held during the coming month of May, reported that the order ought to pass.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Confirmation of Rebecca Morrison.

Mr. Winship, for the Committee on the Horace Mann School for the Deaf, reported the name of Rebecca Morrison, assistant in that school, for confirmation, to date from March 9, 1879.

On motion of Mr. Finney, referred to the Committee on Nominations.

Report of Com. on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Hobbs, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom were referred orders from the First Report of the Committee on Revision, reported that they have carefully considered the same, and recommend the passage of orders containing the necessary amendments to the Rules.

The report was accepted.

Rules suspended.

On motion of Mr. Finney, the rules were suspended to allow of the passage of the orders at this meeting.

Yeas and nays.

On motion of Mr. Moran, the yeas and nays were ordered on the passage of the orders.

The 1st order accompanying the report, as follows, was then considered : —

Duties of Com. on Salaries.
Rules amended.

Ordered, That Sect. 44, Chap. IV. of the Rules, be amended by inserting after the word "writing," in the fifth line, the words "with their reasons for or against such propositions."

Mr. Chapin moved that the order be laid on the table.

Lost, by a vote of 10 to 14.

Mr. Finney moved the previous question.

Passed.

Yeas and nays.

The 1st order was passed by the following vote : —

Yeas. — Miss Peabody, Messrs. W. T. Adams, Blake, Bowditch, Brewer, Chapin, Collar, Cutter, Fallon, Finney, Fletcher, Flint, Fox, Hayes, Hobbs, Hyde, Moran, Porter, Plummer, Reed, Ryan, and Winship. — 22.

Nays. — None.

The 2d order, as follows, was then considered: —

Ordered, That Sect. 137, Chap. XII., be amended by striking out the word "six" in the fourth line and substituting therefor the word "four." Number of Supervisors. Rules amended.

Passed, by the following vote: —

Yeas. — Messrs. B. Adams, W. T. Adams, Collar, Cutter, Fallon, Finney, Fox, Hayes, Hobbs, Hyde, Moran, Porter, Plummer, Reed, and Ryan. — 15. Yeas and nays.

Nays. — Miss Peabody, Messrs. Blake, Bowditch, Brewer, Chapin, Fletcher, Flint, Perkins, Winship. — 9.

The 3d order, as follows, was then considered: —

Ordered, That Sect. 368, Chap. XXVI., read as follows: —

"Truant officers shall attend the evening schools when in session, and visit the residences of absentees, with a view to procure their attendance." Duties of Truant Officers. Rules amended.

Passed, by the following vote: —

Yeas. — Miss Peabody, Messrs. B. Adams, W. T. Adams, Blake, Bowditch, Brewer, Chapin, Collar, Cutter, Fallon, Finney, Fletcher, Flint, Fox, Hayes, Hobbs, Hyde, Moran, Perkins, Porter, Plummer, Reed, Ryan, and Winship. — 24. Yeas and nays.

Nays. — None.

The 4th order, as follows, was then considered: —

Ordered, That Sect. 368, Chap. XXVI., be numbered 369, and amended by striking out all after the word "transmit" in the last line but two, and substituting therefor the following: "to the Superintendent a report of himself and his subordinates, and the Superintendent shall report the same to the Committee on Truant Officers whenever their action may be required." Report of Truant Officers. Rules amended.

Passed, by the following vote: —

Yeas. — Miss Peabody, Messrs. B. Adams, W. T. Adams, Blake, Bowditch, Brewer, Chapin, Collar, Cut- Yeas and nays.

ter, Fallon, Finney, Fletcher, Flint, Fox, Hayes, Hobbs, Hyde, Perkins, Porter, Plummer, Reed, Ryan, and Winship. — 23.

Nays. — None.

The 5th order, as follows, was then considered: —

Kindergarten to be abolished.

Ordered, That the Kindergarten be abolished at the close of the present school year.

Petition for continuance of Kindergarten, etc.

The Chair read a petition, signed by Edward E. Hale, and eighty-four others, praying that the Kindergarten may continue in operation, and that the School Committee request the City Council for power to establish four more Kindergartens in other parts of the city.

Placed on file.

Mr. Blake offered the following as an amendment to the 5th order: —

Additional Kindergartens.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to establish four additional Kindergarten schools in such parts of the city as the committee may deem best.

Mr. W. T. Adams requested the opinion of the Superintendent.

Opinion of Superintendent.

The Superintendent replied briefly that he had grave doubts of the wisdom of continuing the Kindergarten as a part of the public-school system; and that he believed it to be wise to dispense with the present school.

Mr. Blake moved the previous question.

Passed.

Mr. Blake's amendment was lost.

The fifth order was passed by the following vote: —

Yeas and nays.

Yeas. — Messrs. B. Adams, W. T. Adams, Brewer, Chapin, Collar, Cutter, Fallon, Finney, Flint, Fox, Hobbs, Hyde, Moran, Porter, Plummer, Reed, Ryan, and Winship. — 18.

Nays. — Miss Peabody, Messrs. Blake, Bowditch, Fletcher, Hayes, Perkins. — 6.

The 6th order, as follows, was then considered: —

Ordered, That Sect. 2, Chap. I., be amended by striking out the words "on Kindergartens, three," in the last line but one; that Sect. 51, Chap. IV., be stricken out; that Sect. 147, Chap. XII., be amended by striking out the words "and Kindergartens," in the last line but four; and that Chap. XXII. be stricken out. Kindergarten: Rules amended.

Mr. Finney moved that the order be amended by providing that the amendments proposed go into effect September 1st.

Passed.

The 6th order was passed by the following vote: —

Yeas. — Miss Peabody, Messrs. B. Adams, W. T. Adams, Blake, Bowditch, Brewer, Chapin, Collar, Cutter, Fallon, Finney, Fletcher, Flint, Fox, Hayes, Hobbs, Hyde, Moran, Perkins, Porter, Plummer, Reed, Ryan, and Winship. — 24. Yeas and nays.

Nays. — None.

Mr. Moran, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, offered the following orders: —

Ordered, That the Board of Aldermen be requested to have the sidewalk on the northerly side of Bartlett street, in the Highland District, paved in the usual manner on those portions now unpaved, the same being necessary for the safety and convenience of the public as well as the pupils attending the Dillaway School for girls. Sidewalk on Bartlett st. paved.

Passed.

Ordered, That the usual inscription of the name of the school be placed in the appropriate position on the Dillaway School-house. Inscription on Dillaway School-house.

Read, and referred to the Committee on School Houses.

On motion of Mr. Hayes, for the Committee on the Fourth Division, it was

Ordered, That leave of absence from April 1, till the Leave of ab-

sence to Betsey P. Burgess.

close of the present school year, be granted to Betsey P. Burgess, fourth assistant in the Brimmer District.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on the First Division, offered the following: —

Leave of absence to Sarah A. Cook.

Ordered, That Sarah A. Cook, fourth assistant in the Adams District, have leave of absence from April 3, 1879, to the close of the school year.

On motion of Mr. W. T. Adams, referred to the Committee on the First Division, with full powers.

Petitions for continuance of sewing.

Mr. Collar read petitions signed by Joseph S. Ropes and thirty-nine others; John O. Means and sixty-three others; John F. Newton and thirty-five others; Mrs. John F. Newton and eighty others; and Charles K. Dillaway and sixty-five others, — praying that the present arrangement of instruction in sewing, which has been so wisely planned, so well considered, and so eminently successful, be allowed to continue undisturbed.

Referred to the Committee on Sewing.

On motion of Mr. Bowditch it was

Leave of absence to Clara J. Reynolds and Emily A. Hanna.

Ordered, That leave of absence, from April 1 till the end of the school year, be granted to Clara J. Reynolds, second assistant, and for the remainder of the school year to Emily A. Hanna, third assistant, in the Central District.

Communication from Board of Health.

Mr. Bowditch read a communication from the Board of Health, calling attention to the condition of the vaults in the basements of several school-houses, and particularly to that of the vault in the Exeter-street School-house.

Referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Mr. Finney offered the following: —

No session April 4.

Ordered, That there be no session of the public schools on Friday, April 4.

Passed, by a vote of 18 to 6.

Mr. Hobbs offered the following: —

Section 193 to be printed.

Ordered, That the Committee on Supplies consider the expediency of having Section 193 of the Rules printed

in large type upon placards, and placed in the entrance-hall, or other conspicuous place in each school-house, or in such school-houses as they may think best.

Passed.

On motion of Mr. Finney, the Second Report of the Committee on Revision was taken from the table. Second Report of Committee on Revision of School System.

On motion of Mr. Finney, the report was accepted, and the orders were considered separately.

The 1st order, as follows, was passed: —

Ordered, That the Committee on Truant Officers consider and report upon the expediency of reducing the number of truant officers employed by the city. Number of Truant Officers.

The 2d order, as follows, was passed: —

Ordered, That the Committee on Drawing and Music be instructed to consider the expediency of revising the course of study in Drawing, so as to reduce the amount of Geometrical Drawing in the Grammar Schools, and report on or before the second meeting of the Board in May. Revision of course of study in Drawing.

The 3d order, as follows, was then considered: —

Ordered, That for the next school year there be but two special teachers of Drawing. Number of special teachers of Drawing.

On motion of Mr. Moran, the yeas and nays were ordered on the passage of the 3d order. Yeas and nays.

The 3d order was passed by the following vote: —

Yeas. — Miss Peabody, Messrs. B. Adams, W. T. Adams, Blake, Bowditch, Brewer, Chapin, Collar, Cutter, Fallon, Finney, Fletcher, Flint, Fox, Hayes, Hobbs, Hyde, Moran, Perkins, Porter, Plummer, Reed, Ryan, and Winship. — 24. Yeas and nays.

Nays. — None.

Mr. Perkins, by the unanimous consent of the Board, submitted the following: — Rules suspended.

Ordered, That W. Bertha Hintz be allowed to give such part of her time for instruction in Drawing to the city Instruction in Drawing by W. Bertha Hintz.

as she may do without detriment to the interests of the Normal School.

Read and referred to the Committee on the Normal School.

The 4th order, as follows, was passed: —

Drawing in High Schools taught by regular teachers.

Ordered, That notice be given that, after September 1, 1880, the regular course of Drawing in the High Schools shall be taught by one or more of the regular High-School teachers in their respective schools.

The 5th order, as follows, was passed: —

Number of Evening Drawing Schools.

Ordered, That the Committee on Drawing and Music be instructed to consider the expediency of reducing the number of Evening Drawing Schools.

The 6th order, as follows, was then considered: —

Drawing-books in schools.

Ordered, That the Committee on Supplies be instructed to ascertain whether or not less expensive drawing-books than those now in use can be procured.

Mr. Perkins offered the following as a substitute for the 6th order: —

Ordered, That the Committee on Drawing and Music be instructed to ascertain whether or not the drawing-books now used in the public schools can be obtained at a lower rate than that hitherto paid.

Mr. B. Adams offered the following as an amendment to the substitute offered by Mr. Perkins: —.

Ordered, That the names of the various books in use be ascertained, together with the several items of expense that go to make up the cost of each book, and report to this Board.

Passed.

Mr. Finney accepted the substitute offered by Mr. Perkins, as amended.

On motion of Mr. Cutter, the 6th order, as amended, was referred to a Joint Committee of the Committees on Drawing and Music and Supplies.

On motion of Mr. Finney, it was

Voted, That when this Board adjourn it be to meet on Tuesday, April 1, 1879. Adjournment.

The 7th order, as follows, was then considered: —

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations be directed to report amendments to Chap. XX. of the Regulations, by which the head-master of the Normal School shall be principal of the Rice Training School, from the beginning of the next school year. Consolidation of Normal and Rice Training Schools.

Mr. Reed presented petitions signed by Dudley R. Child and eight others, and Joseph F. Paul and seventy-seven others, parents of pupils in the Rice District, praying that a separate master be allowed for the Normal and the Rice School. Petitions for separate masters for Normal and Rice Schools.

Read and placed on file.

Mr. Reed moved that the consideration of the order be indefinitely postponed.

Lost, by a vote of 8 to 13.

Mr. Hayes moved that the consideration of the order be specially assigned to 8.30 o'clock at the next regular meeting of the Board. Special assignment.

Mr. Finney requested the opinion of the Superintendent. Opinion of Superintendent.

The Superintendent briefly stated his reasons as to the desirability of the Normal School becoming a part of the Training School under one management.

Mr. Hayes's motion, to specially assign, passed.

The 8th order, as follows, passed: —

Ordered, That the Committee on the Normal School be directed to consider whether or not any modification of the present course in that school is expedient. Course of study in the Normal School.

On motion of Mr. Hayes the Board adjourned at fifteen minutes before eleven o'clock.

Attest:

GEO. A. SMITH,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, April 1, 1879.

An adjourned meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: All the members except Messrs. Blake, Flint, Fox, Hayes, Hyde, Ryan, and Winship.

On motion of Mr. Hobbs the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following nominations: — Reports of Com. on Nominations.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Dudley District. — Mary I. Chamberlain, fourth assistant. Teachers confirmed.

Everett District. — Sarah W. Wilson, fourth assistant.

Gibson District. — Grace St. L. Urann, third assistant.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Comins District. — Sabina Egan, fourth assistant, from April 1, 1879. Teacher nominated.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHER.

West Roxbury High School. — George C. Mann, master, from April 2, 1879. Temporary teacher.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on Nominations.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, to whom was referred [March 25] an order for the confirmation of Rebecca Morrison, as assistant in the Horace Mann School, reported, that as it is not among their duties to act upon nominations of teachers in special schools, they recommend that it be referred to the Committee on the Horace Mann School.

Accepted, and the order referred to the Committee on the Horace Mann School.

Confirmation of Rebecca Morrison.

Mr. Brewer, for the Committee on the Horace Mann School, reported the name of Rebecca Morrison, for confirmation as assistant in that school, to date from March 9, 1879.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Fletcher, for the Committee on the First Division, it was

Leave of absence to E. R. Drowne.

Ordered, That leave of absence until June 1 be granted to Elizabeth R. Drowne, first assistant in the Emerson District.

Substitutes.

Mr. Moran, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, reported the names of Jessie S. Aldrich and Sarah W. Loker, as substitutes for longer than one month in the Comins District.

Accepted.

Mr. Moran, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Salary of Mabel F. Wheaton.

Ordered, That Mabel F. Wheaton, third assistant in the Dudley District, be placed upon the third year's salary, on account of previous successful experience.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

On motion of Mr. Moran, for the same committee, it was

Leave of absence to H. H. Gould.

Ordered, That leave of absence be granted to Henry H. Gould, sub-master in the Comins District, for the remainder of the present school-year.

Mr. Moran, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the yard of the Egleston Square Primary School in the Lewis District be paved or planked to such extent as may be necessary for the health and convenience of the pupils of said school.

Paving yard of Egleston Square Primary School.

Read, and referred to the Committee on School-houses.

On motion of Mr. Moran, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That leave of absence for the remainder of the present school-year be granted to Julia Scribner, first assistant, and Carrie J. Harris, fourth assistant, in the Comins District.

Leave of absence to Julia Scribner and Carrie J. Harris.

Mr. Moran, for the same committee reported the death of Caroline M. Brackett, late a teacher in the Comins District.

Death of Caroline M. Brackett.

Placed on file.

Mr. Moran offered the following: —

Ordered, That principals of districts be instructed to notify pupils now attending Grammar Schools outside the district in which they reside, that on and after the beginning of the next school-year they must attend the school to which by residence they belong unless they produce the usual permission to do otherwise from the Chairman of the Division in which they wish to attend.

Attendance of pupils in districts outside of residence.

Passed.

Mr. Fletcher, for the Committee on Evening Schools, submitted the annual report of that committee, which was accepted, and, on motion of Mr. Fletcher, ordered to be printed.

Annual report of Com. on Evening Schools.

Mr. Collar, for the Committee on High Schools, offered the following: —

Ordered, That a suitable text-book for the study of

Book-keeping text-book, Eng. High School.

book-keeping be allowed in the English High School for the remainder of this school-year.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Text-Books.

Mr. Collar, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Salary of Annie M. Wilde.

Ordered, That Annie M. Wilde, fourth assistant in the Charlestown High School, receive the "salary to which her previous term of service entitles her" (Sect. 89), the same to date from the time of her present appointment.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

On motion of Mr. Cutter, for the Committee on the Second Division, it was

Leave of absence to Mary F. Kittredge.

Ordered, That leave of absence for the remainder of the present school-year be granted to Mary F. Kittredge, fourth assistant in the Harvard District.

On motion of Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on the First Division, it was

Leave of absence to Amelia H. Pitman.

Ordered, That leave of absence from April 14 to the end of the present school-year be granted to Amelia H. Pitman, second assistant in the Lyman District.

Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on School-houses, offered the following: —

Inscriptions over entrances of new Eng. High and Latin Schools.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to make suitable provision for inscriptions over the entrances of the new English High and Public Latin Schools.

Passed.

Reconsideration of special assignment.

Mr. W. T. Adams moved that the motion specially assigning the consideration of the consolidation of the Rice and Normal Schools to the next regular meeting of the Board, be reconsidered.

Passed.

After considerable discussion the order for the consolidation was recommitted to the Committee on Revision.

On motion of Mr. Finney the report of the Committee on Supplies on the furnishing of text-books [Doc. 6] was taken from the table and accepted.

Doc. 6. Report of Com. on Supplies.

The first order was then considered.

Mr. W. T. Adams moved that it be amended by the addition of the words "but with such modification of details as they may deem necessary."

On motion of Mr. Moran, the yeas and nays were ordered on the passage of the order.

After a lengthy discussion of the report, Mr. Plummer moved that it be specially assigned for consideration to 8 o'clock, at the next regular meeting of the Board.

Special assignment.

Mr. Finney moved the previous question.

Passed by a vote of 10 to 4.

Mr. Plummer's motion for the special assignment passed by a vote of 10 to 7.

Mr. Reed presented a petition signed by Wm. Burnet Wright and 15 others, and a petition signed by William Read, M.D., and 33 others, principally parents of pupils attending the Rice School, remonstrating against the proposed change in the conduct of that school, and praying for a hearing on the subject before the School Board.

Petitions concerning change in conduct of Rice School.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Revision.

On motion of Mr. Reed, the Board adjourned at twenty-five minutes after ten o'clock.

Attest:

GEO. A. SMITH,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, April 8, 1879.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: All the members except Messrs. Blake and Ryan.

On motion of Mr. Hayes the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following nominations: — Report of Com. on Nominations.

ON PROBATION.

Allston District. — Helen L. Brown, fourth assistant, from April 1, 1879. Nomination of teachers.

Gibson District. — Mary E. Mann, fourth assistant, from April 1, 1879.

Sherwin District. — Annie A. E. Fagan, third assistant, from February 3, 1879.

Accepted.

Mr. Hayes, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred — April 1, 1879 — an order that Annie M. Wilde, fourth assistant in the Charlestown High School, receive the salary to which her previous term of service entitles her, in accordance with Sect. 89, reported that in consideration of previous service in the Charlestown High School, the following order ought to pass: — Report of Com. on Salaries.

Ordered, That Annie M. Wilde, fourth assistant in the Charlestown High School, be placed upon her sixth year's service in that grade, to date from December 2, 1878. Salary of Annie M. Wilde.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Third report of Com. on Revision.

Mr. Finney, for the Committee on Revision, presented the third report of that committee [Doc. 8, 1879], which, upon motion of Mr. Finney, was laid on the table.

Special report of Com. on Revision on Training and Normal Schools.

Mr. Finney, for the same committee, presented a special report on the Training and Normal Schools [Doc. 9, 1879], recommending that the whole subject be referred to the Committee on the Normal School, with instructions to report to the Board on or before the second meeting in June.

Mr. Flint moved that the consideration of the report be specially assigned to 8 o'clock of the next meeting of the Board.

Withdrawn.

Mr. Hayes moved to amend Doc. 9, so as to provide that the Committee on the Normal School report to the Board at the first regular meeting in May.

Passed.

The report as amended was accepted

Report of Com on School-houses.

Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on School-houses, to whom was referred — March 25 — an order that the usual inscription of the name of the school be placed in the appropriate position on the Dillaway School-house, reported that the following order ought to pass : —

Inscription on Dillaway School-house.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to cause the usual inscription of the name of the school to be placed in the appropriate position on the Dillaway School-house.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Com. on School-houses.

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, to whom was referred — April 1 — an order that the yard of the Egleston-square Primary School be paved or planked to such an extent as may be necessary, reported that the following order ought to pass : —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to cause the yard of the Egleston-square Primary School to be drained and put in proper order to serve as a playground for the pupils.

Improvement in yard of Egleston-square Primary.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Jan. 13 — an order concerning further primary-school accommodations in the vicinity of Grove Hall, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Report of Com. on School-houses.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to erect a Primary-school building of two rooms in the vicinity of Elmo street and Blue Hill avenue.

Primary-school building, Elmo st. and Blue Hill avenue.

Accepted, and the order passed.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Hobbs, Plummer, Fox, W. T. Adams, and Blake, as the committee to make arrangements for and take charge of the annual school festival.

Committee appointed on annual festival.

Mr. Bowditch presented a report from Dr. B. Joy Jeffries, who was, through the courtesy of the Board, granted permission to test the color perception of pupils in the public schools.

Report of Dr. B. Joy Jeffries on color perception

Read, and referred to the Board of Supervisors.

The Chair read a petition signed by 65 members of the Woman's Association, praying that the present efficient method of instruction in Sewing be continued in the Public Schools.

Petition from Woman's Asso. on Sewing in Public Schools.

Referred to the Committee on Sewing.

The Chair read a petition from H. F. Wight, author of "Wight's Kindergarten System" of instruction in Music, praying for permission to compare the results of his teaching with those of a regular music-instructor in the Boston Schools.

Petition from H. F. Wight for comparison of music instruction.

Referred to the Committee on Drawing and Music.

The Chair read a petition from A. E. Alden praying

Petition from A. E. Alden for photographing classes in Public Schools.

for permission to photograph the classes in the Public Schools, with a view to making stereoscopic groups of the same.

Referred to the Committee on Supplies.

Special assignment.

Mr. Finney called for the special assignment, Report of Committee on Supplies [Doc. 6, 1879].

Passed.

Mr. Porter moved a reconsideration of the "previous question," passed at the last meeting of the Board.

Passed by a vote of 12 to 7.

Mr. Cutter moved to amend the first order by striking out the word "Stationery" in the fourth line.

Mr. Moran moved the previous question.

Passed.

Mr. Cutter's amendment was lost.

Mr. W. T. Adams's motion of April 1st, to amend the first order by the addition of the words "but with such modification of details as they may deem necessary" was passed.

The first order passed by the following vote: —

Yeas.

Yeas. — Miss Peabody, Messrs. B. Adams, W. T. Adams, Bowditch, Brewer, Fallon, Finney, Fletcher, Flint, Hayes, Hobbs, Hyde, Perkins, Plummer — 14.

Nays.

Nays. — Messrs. Chapin, Collar, Cutter, Fox, Moran, Porter, Reed, Winship — 8.

The second order passed.

Third report of Com. on Revision.

On motion of Mr. Finney, the third report of the Committee on Revision [Doc. 8] was taken from the table.

Mr. Hayes moved that it be specially assigned for consideration to 8 o'clock at the next meeting of the Board.

Lost by a vote of 5 to 12.

Special meeting of School Board.

Mr. Moran moved that when this Board adjourn it be to meet on Tuesday, April 15, at 7.30 o'clock.

Mr. Hayes moved to adjourn.

Lost — the Chair throwing the casting vote.

Mr. Moran's motion passed.

Mr. Hayes moved to adjourn.

Lost.

On motion of Mr. Finney, the third report of the Committee on Revision [Doc. 8] was accepted. Special assignment.

Mr. Finney moved that further consideration of the report be specially assigned to 8 o'clock at the next meeting of the Board.

Passed.

On motion of Mr. Finney, the Board adjourned at twenty-five minutes before ten o'clock. Adjourned.

Attest:

GEO. A. SMITH,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, April 15, 1879.

An adjourned meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: All the members except Messrs. Flint, Hayes, Ryan and Winship.

On motion of Mr. Finney, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following nominations: — Reports of Committee on Nominations.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

West Roxbury High School. — Louise M. Thurston, third assistant. Confirmation of teachers.

Bigelow District. — Kittie A. Learned, third assistant.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Bigelow District. — Mary F. Savage, third assistant, from February 3d, 1879. Nomination of teachers.

Norcross District. — Martha G. Buckley, third assistant, from February 3d, 1879.

Accepted.

Mr. Finney, for the Committee on Text-books, requested further time in which to present their annual report. Committee on Text-books, further time granted.

Granted.

Mr. Finney, for the Committee on Revision, presented the fourth report of that committee, [Doc. 10] which, on motion of Mr. Finney, was received and laid on the table. Fourth report of Committee on Revision.

Mr. Moran, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, offered the following:

Term of service of Sabina Egan.

Ordered, That the term of service of Sabina Egan, fourth assistant in the Comins District, date from March 18th, 1879, instead of April 1st, as reported.

Passed under a suspension of the rules.

Opinion of Superintendent.

At the request of Mr. Collar, Superintendent Eliot expressed his views on the fourth report of the Committee on Revision.

Postponement of special assignment.

During the discussion the special assignment was, on motion of Mr. Moran, postponed for five minutes.

Special Assignment [Doc. 8.]

The time having arrived for the Special assignment [Third report of Committee on Revision, Doc. 8], — on motion of Mr. Finney, the report was considered.

Mr. Perkins offered the following as a substitute for the report: —

"Seeing that the schedule of salaries on a graduated scale, which was adopted by this Board in June, 1878, cannot, from its very nature be justly superseded until the maximum salaries therein fixed have been attained by all the teachers who were then or have since been appointed under its provisions; it is therefore

Ordered, That the said schedule of salaries shall, so far as the action of the present Board is concerned, remain in force, as fixing all salaries for the next year and all subsequent years, until the maximum grade shall have been attained by all masters, sub-masters and assistants who were elected at or have been elected since that date.

Mr. Moran moved to recommit the report to the Committee on Revision, with instructions to report at the next meeting of the Board.

Lost by a vote of 7 to 12.

At the request of Mr. Bowditch, Superintendent Eliot expressed his opinion on the subject.

Mr. Plummer moved the previous question.

Passed.

On motion of Mr. Finney, the yeas and nays were ordered on the passage of the orders.

Mr. Perkins' order was lost by the following vote: —

Yeas. — Miss Peabody, Messrs. Collar, Fox, and Perkins — 4 Yeas and nays.

Nays. — Messrs. B. Adams, W. T. Adams, Blake, Bowditch, Brewer, Chapin, Cutter, Fallon, Finney, Fletcher, Hobbs, Hyde, Moran, Porter, Plummer, and Reed — 16.

The order in the report recommendeng a re-grading of subordinate instructors was lost by the following vote: —

Yeas. — Messrs. B. Adams, W. T. Adams, Cutter, Fallon, Finney, and Porter — 6. Yeas and nays.

Nays. — Miss Peabody, Messrs. Blake, Bowditch, Brewer, Chapin, Collar, Fletcher, Fox, Hobbs, Hyde, Moran, Perkins, Plummer, and Reed — 14.

On motion of Mr. Finney, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on Sewing be instructed to report at the next meeting of the Board. Committee on Sewing to report.

On motion of Mr. Finney, the Board adjourned at twenty minutes after ten o'clock.

Attest:

GEO. A. SMITH,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, April 22, 1879.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: All the members except Messrs. Cutter, Fox, and Ryan.

On motion of Mr. Fletcher, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following nominations: — Reports of Committee on Nominations.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Bowditch District. — Marian A. Flynn, fourth assistant. Teachers confirmed.

Brimmer District. — Sarah E. Adams, Ella L. Burbank, Maude McWilliams, third assistants, and Jennie M. Carney, fourth assistant.

Dor.-Everett District. — Cornelia P. Nason, fourth assistant.

Quincy District. — N. H. Whittemore, sub-master, Alfred Bunker, second sub-master, Emma F. Colomy, third assistant.

Warren District. — Florence G. Forbush and Julia E. Harrington, third assistants.

Accepted.

FOR TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Charles Sumner District. — Lena S. Weld, fourth assistant, from April 1, 1879. Temporary Teachers.

Lawrence District. — Sarah E. Stumpf, third assistant, from March 16, 1879.

Rice District. — Jennie I. Kendall, third assistant, from March 7, 1879.

Accepted.

Resignation of Frances T. Kelley.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, reported the resignation of Frances T. Kelley, fourth assistant in the Dearborn District, to take effect March 14, 1879.

Accepted.

Com. on Salaries further time granted.

Mr. Hayes, for the Committee on Salaries, requested further time in which to present their annual report.

Granted.

Fifth Report of Com. on Revision.

Mr. Finney, for the Committee on Revision, presented the fifth report of that Committee [Doc. 11], which, on on motion of Mr. Finney, was received and laid on the table.

Mr. Fletcher, for the Committee on Truant Officers, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations be instructed to report the following amendments: —

Amendments proposed. Sect. 365.

Ordered, That Sect. 365 of the Regulations be amended by the addition of the following: "He shall devote himself principally to children not on any school register, and visit them at their homes or places of employment, or look after them in the streets."

Children on any school register, and not suspected of truancy, shall not be visited by him on account of occasional absence; nor shall he visit children suspended by a principal, unless directed to do so by the Division Committee.

Sect. 366.

Ordered, That Sect. 366 be amended by inserting after the word "officers," in the ninth line, the words "or with the Superintendent of Schools.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

On motion of Mr. Finney, Doc. 11 was taken from the table.

Fifth Report of Committee on Revision.

On motion of Mr. Fletcher, the orders in the report were considered together.

Mr. Perkins moved that the consideration of the report be specially assigned to the next meeting of the Board.

Lost.

The report was accepted, and the orders as appended to Doc. 11 passed as follows: —

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations be requested to take into consideration the foregoing plan for reorganization of the Evening Schools, and report the necessary amendments to the Regulations to effect such reorganization.

Ordered, That the Supervisors be requested to report to the Committee on Text-books a suitable list of text-books for use in the Evening Schools.

Ordered, That the Committee on Salaries be requested to report a suitable scale of salaries for principals and assistants in Evening Schools.

Report of Committee on Sewing.

Mr. Winship, for the Committee on Sewing, acting under the following order passed March 11, —" *Ordered*, That the Committee on Sewing be instructed to report a plan by which the instruction in sewing shall be given by the regular teachers, under the supervision of one or more directors in this branch, — submitted a lengthy report containing various opinions from thirty-nine principals.

Mr. Finney raised the point of order that the report did not comply with the requirements of the order, as it gave evidence of containing no plan of instruction.

The Chair decided that the report was in order, since its conclusion might contain a plan, in accordance with the order passed by the Board.

Mr. Winship completed the reading of the report, which

concluded with the statement, that in consideration of the foregoing evidence of principals and teachers, the committee are entirely unable to present any plan that will meet the requirements of the order, and that in their opinion it would seem to be better to dispense with the sewing altogether rather than place it under the charge of the regular teachers.

Mr. Finney raised the point of order that the report could not be accepted, as it did not coincide with the instructions in the order.

The Chair stated that if the Committee on Sewing could not consistently with their opinions report a plan of instruction differing from the present one that, so far as the sentiments in the report were concerned, they were not out of order in reporting as they did; but he considered it out of order to read so lengthy a report, quoting in detail the opinions of many masters and teachers as reasons why they could not comply with the orders of the Board. A simple statement of the fact being alone in order in the judgment of the Chair.

On motion of Mr. Moran, the report was accepted.

Instruction in Sewing referred to a joint Committee.

On motion of Mr. Collar the subject of instruction in sewing was referred to a joint committee of the Committee on Sewing and the Committee on Revision of School System.

On motion of Mr. Moran, the Joint Committee were instructed to report on or before the second meeting in May.

The following, offered by Mr. Chapin, was ruled out of order: —

Order to rescind Sewing order.

Ordered, That the order passed by this Board, March 11, instructing the Committee on Sewing to report a plan whereby sewing can be taught by the regular teachers of the schools be rescinded.

Mr. Brewer presented a petition from five hundred and twenty-five citizens and ladies of Boston, praying the School Board to allow the present arrangement — for teaching sewing in the public schools — which has been so wisely planned, so well considered, and so eminently successful — to continue undisturbed.

Petition for continuance of present plan of instruction in Sewing.

Placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Hayes, for the Committee on the Fourth Division, it was

Ordered, That leave of absence for the remainder of the present school-year be granted to Mercie T. Snow, third assistant in the Brimmer District.

Leave of absence to Mercie T. Snow.

On motion of Mr. W. T. Adams, for the Committee on the Ninth Division, it was

Ordered, That leave of absence for the remainder of the school-year be granted to Ella S. Wales, second assistant in the Gibson District, and

Leave of absence to Ella S. Wales.

Ordered, That Florence A. Perry be approved as a substitute for Ella S. Wales.

Substitute.

On motion of Mr. Finney, the fourth report of the Committee on Revision [Doc. 10] relating to reorganization of Primary Schools, was taken from the table.

Fourth Report of Committee on Revision.

On motion of Mr. Moran, the yeas and nays were ordered on the passage of the orders.

Yeas and nays.

The first order was then considered, as follows: —

1. *Ordered*, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations be instructed to report amendments to the Regulations so as to provide that after the beginning of the next school year the Primary Schools be organized independently of the supervision of the principals of the districts.

Mr. Collar moved to amend by substituting the word "independent" for the words "organized independently"

in the fourth line, and by adding to the last line the words "as regards instruction."

Communication from Primary teachers concerning Doc. 10.

Mr. Moran read a communication from the Primary teachers of the Seventh Division, presenting their reasons for hoping that the supervision of the Primary Schools will not be taken from the Grammar master.

Mr. Collar's amendment passed.

Same.

Miss Peabody read a communication to the same effect as that presented by Mr. Moran, signed by 174 teachers.

On motion of Miss Peabody the first order was laid on the table, by a vote of 11 to 10, the Chair throwing the casting vote.

On motion of Mr. Porter, it was

Adjournment.

Ordered, That when this Board adjourn, it be to meet on Tuesday, May 6th, at 7.30 P.M.

The Chair read the following communication: —

BOSTON, April 18, 1879.

Resignation of Abram E. Cutter from Revision Committee.

HON. F. O. PRINCE, *President, Boston School Board:* —

Dear Sir, — I hereby resign as a member of the Revision Committee, on account of my contemplated absence from the city for a few months, said resignation to take effect on the 22d inst.

Yours very respectfully,

ABRAM E. CUTTER.

Accepted and placed on file.

Mr. Moran appointed on Revision Committee.

The Chair appointed Mr. Moran as a member of the Revision Committee, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Cutter.

On motion of Mr. Finney, the second and third orders reported by the Revision Committee [Doc. 10] were laid on the table.

Mr. Collar offered the following: —

Permanent Supervision of Primary Schools.

Ordered, That the subject of *permanent* direction and supervision of the Primary Schools be referred to a joint committee, consisting of the Committees on the Normal

School, and on the Revision of the School System, in conjunction with the Board of Supervisors.

Passed.

On motion of Mr. Hobbs, the Board adjourned at five minutes before ten o'clock.

Attest:

GEO. A. SMITH,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, May 6, 1879.

An adjourned meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock; the Vice-President in the chair.

Present: All the members except His Honor the Mayor, Messrs. Cutter, Fletcher, Flint, Plummer, Reed.

On motion of Mr. Ryan, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

On motion of Mr. Moran, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, it was

Ordered, That leave of absence for the remainder of the present school year be granted to Cynthia G. Melvin, third assistant, and Mary F. Neale, fourth assistant, in the Dearborn District.

Leave of absence to Cynthia G. Melvin and Mary F. Neale.

Mr. Fallon, for the Committee on the Sixth Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to provide additional yard-room for the Primary Schools in the Mather Building, Broadway, in the Lawrence District.

Additional yard-room to Marther School-house.

Read, and referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Fallon, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to make the necessary repairs in the heating apparatus, and such other repairs as are necessary in the Lincoln School-house.

Repairs in Lincoln School-house.

Read, and referred to the Committee on School Houses.

On motion of Mr. Hyde, for the Committee on the Fifth Division, it was

Leave of absence to Isadora Page.

Ordered, That leave of absence for the remainder of the school year be granted to Isadora Page, fourth assistant in the Franklin District; and

Substitute, Mary E. O'Connor.

Ordered, That Mary E. O'Connor be approved as a substitute for Isadora Page.

On motion of Mr. Wm. T. Adams, for the Committee on the Ninth Division, it was

Leave of absence to Edna Gleason.

Ordered, That the leave of absence granted to Edna Gleason, fourth assistant in the Gibson District, be continued to the end of the present school year; and

Substitute, Caroline E. Shepard.

Ordered, That Caroline E. Shepard be approved as a substitute for Edna Gleason.

On motion of Mr. Wm. T. Adams, for the same committee, it was

Leave of absence to Elizabeth P. Boynton.

Ordered, That leave of absence for a longer time than one month be granted to Elizabeth P. Boynton, third assistant in the Harris District; and

Substitute, Mary E. Pierce.

Ordered, That Mary E. Pierce be approved as a substitute for Elizabeth P. Boynton.

Mr. Hobbs offered the following: —

Dispensing with School Festival.

Ordered, That the Committee on the School Festival be requested to consider the question of the expediency of dispensing with the Festival as a whole, or in part.

Passed.

Report of Committee on Accounts on communication from Board of Health.

Mr. Wm. T. Adams, for the Committee on Accounts, to whom was referred — March 25 — a communication from the Board of Health concerning the condition of the vaults in the basements of several school-buildings, particularly the Exeter-street building, reported that, so far as they have been able to obtain any information, the vaults located in the basements of the school-houses, being of recently improved construction, are those which are the least offensive, and the least dangerous to the health of the pupils; that several visits have been made to the Exeter-street

school-house by members of this committee and its officials, and they find no cause for complaint in the condition of the vaults.

Accepted.

Mr. Wm. T. Adams, for the Committee on Supplies, to whom was referred — April 8 — a petition from the Alden View Gallery Company, in reference to the taking of stereoscopic pictures of school-buildings and classes, with a view to selling the same to parents and children, reported that, in consideration of the interruption of the school exercises that this would necessitate, and the fact that the proposed sale of these views would conflict with the requirements of Sect. 193 of the Regulations, the committee do not deem it advisable to grant the request, and the petitioners therefore have leave to withdraw.

Report of Committee on Supplies. Petition from Alden View Gallery Company.

Accepted.

Mr. Wm. T. Adams, for the same committee, towhom was referred — March 11 — an order that twelve hundred dollars be appropriated for the establishment and support of an Industrial School, to be opened at the beginning of the next school year, reported that, owing to the decrease made by the City Council in the estimates actually needed to carry on the expenses of schools already established, they have not the means to begin a system of Industrial Education, and they do not believe that this is the time for the Board to ask for further appropriations for new projects. They therefore deem it inexpedient to pass the order.

Report of Committee on Supplies. Appropriation for Industrial School.

On motion of Mr. Perkins, the report was laid on the table.

Mr. Wm. T. Adams, for the same committee, to whom was referred — March 25 — an order to consider the expediency of having Sect. 193 of the Regulations, relating to advertisements, visits of agents, etc., printed and put in

Report of Committee on Supplies. Printing Sect. 193.

some conspicuous place in the entrance-hall of each school-house, reported that the annoyances occasioned by the interruption of school-work are such that it is advisable to take all proper means to prevent them. They therefore consider that the order ought to pass.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Discharge of janitors.

Mr. W. T. Adams, for the Committee on Accounts, reported the discharge of the janitors of the Central Grammar and Curtis-street Primary Schools, for cause, to take effect May 20, 1879.

Accepted, and the discharges approved.

Report of Committee on Text-books.

Mr. Blake, for the Committee on Text-Books, presented the annual report of that committee (Doc. 12), which, on motion of Mr. Blake, was specially assigned for consideration to 8.30 o'clock of the next meeting of the Board.

Simple dress at graduation.

Miss Peabody offered the following: —

Ordered, That the subject of simple dress at the approaching graduation exercises of the schools be referred with full powers to a special committee.

Passed.

Committee on simple dress.

The Chair appointed Miss Peabody and Messrs. W. T. Adams and Winship to serve as the above committee.

Petition from Brimmer School Association.

Mr. Hayes presented a petition from the Brimmer School Association, and graduates of the Brimmer School, praying that the school-house now known as the Exeter-street School be named the "Bates School," in honor of Mr. Joshua Bates, former master of the Brimmer School.

Read, and referred to the Committee on the Fourth Division.

Sixth Report of Committee on Revision.

Mr. W. T. Adams, for the Committee on Revision of the School System, presented the sixth report of that committee (Doc. 13), which, on motion of Mr. Hobbs, was accepted and laid on the table.

Mr. Moran offered the following: —

Ordered, That Sect. 177 of the Regulations be amended by striking out the words "fifteen minutes at noon, and" so that the passage shall read, "*Provided*, that teachers may judiciously exercise the right to detain a pupil for a reasonable time, not exceeding thirty minutes in the afternoon, etc."

Amendment proposed Sect. 177.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Moran offered the following: —

Ordered, That Section 230 of the Regulations be amended so as to read as follows: "Lessons to be learned out of school shall be such as a scholar of good capacity can learn in an hour's study at most, and shall not be required from pupils in the Primary Schools, or in the Grammar Schools below the third class. Lessons to be studied, etc."

Amendment proposed Sect. 230.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

On motion of Mr. Hayes, for the Committee on the Fourth Division, it was

Ordered, That leave of absence for the remainder of the present school year be granted to Adelaide Meston, third assistant in the Winthrop District.

Leave of absence to Adelaide Meston.

On motion of Mr. Hobbs, the Board adjourned at eight o'clock.

Attest:

GEO. A. SMITH,
Secretary.

In School Committee, May 13, 1879.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock; the President in the chair.

Present: all the members except Mr. Cutter.

On motion of Mr. Fallon, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The Chair read a communication on the subject of "Technical Education," referred to the School Board by vote of the City Council, which, on motion of Mr. Hobbs, was referred to the Committee on Industrial Education. Communication on Industrial Education.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following nominations: — Report of Com. on Nominations.

FOR TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

West Roxbury High. — Fanny E. Lord, fourth assistant, from May 5, 1879. Temporary teachers.

Bennett District. — Helen S. Harrington, fourth assistant, from April 24, 1879.

Dearborn District. — Eva M. Nay, fourth assistant, from March 18 to April 2, 1879.

Harris District. — Ida F. Kendall, fourth assistant, from May 12, 1879.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Girls' High. — Marie de Maltchycé, special teacher of French, from Feb. 17, 1879. Nomination of teachers.

Adams District. — Mattie K. Borden, third assistant, from Feb. 3, 1879.

Comins District. — Myron T. Pritchard, sub-master, from May 13, 1879.

Dearborn District. — M. Agnes Murphy, fourth assistant, from April 14, 1879.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Girls' High. — Sarah L. Becker, Elizabeth C. Coburn, Emily M. Deland, and Julia A. Jellison, fourth assistants.

Dorchester High. — Harold C. Childs, fourth assistant.

Charlestown High. — E. C. F. Krauss, special teacher of German.

West Roxbury High. — Mary L. Charles and Janet W. Williams, fourth assistants; Marie C. Ladreyt, special teacher of French.

Adams District. — Mattie K. Borden, third assistant.

Andrew District. — Hattie A. Watson, first assistant; Mary L. Fitzgerald, third assistant.

Bowdoin District. — Ella L. Macomber, third assistant.

Central District. — Martha H. Ames, fourth assistant.

Comins District. — Celia M. Chase, fourth assistant.

Dillaway District. — Catherine J. Finneran, third assistant.

Dudley District. — Mabel F. Wheaton, third assistant; Annie J. Whelton, fourth assistant.

Eliot District. — Minnie I. Folger, third assistant.

Hancock District. — Honora T. O'Dowd, third assistant.

Hillside District. — Amy Hutchins, first assistant; Louise P. Arnold, third assistant.

Lowell District. — Flora C. Atwood, fourth assistant.

Minot District. — Hattie J. Bowker, fourth assistant.

Phillips District. — Mary E. Towle, fourth assistant.

Sherwin District. — Annie A. E. Fagan, fourth assistant.

Accepted.

Mr. Perkins, for the Committee on Drawing and Music, who were instructed — March 25 — to consider the expediency of revising the course of study in Drawing so as to reduce the amount of geometrical drawing in the Grammar Schools, and to report on or before the second meeting of the Board in May, reported that, deeming a reduction desirable, they had already consulted the Director of Drawing on the subject, before receiving the instructions of the Board. With his concurrence they now recommend the adoption of the following order, by which, instead of beginning the study of geometry in the fifth class, as heretofore, it will be commenced by the fourth class in the second half of the school term, and the number of pages containing problems be reduced from thirty-six to twenty.

Report of Committee on Drawing and Music.

Ordered, That the study of geometry, as laid down in the American Text-books of Art Education, be commenced by the fourth classes of the Grammar Schools, in the second half of the school term, instead of, as hitherto, by the fifth classes in the first half of the school term.

Revision of course of study in Drawing.

The report was accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Perkins, for the same committee to whom was referred — April 8 — the petition of H. F. Wight relative to a Kindergarten system of instruction in music, reported that it is inexpedient to grant the request therein made.

Report of Committee on Drawing and Music. Petition of H. F. Wight.

Accepted.

Mr. Perkins, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Committee on Drawing and Music be allowed to employ such special help as may be needed

Extra musical assistance, school exhibitions.

for the performance of musical exercises at the coming school exhibitions.

Passed.

Report of Committee on Seventh Division. Death of Henry H. Gould.

Mr. Moran, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, reported the death of Henry H. Gould, late sub-master in the Comins School.

Placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on the First Division, it was

Leave of absence, Mary A. Davis, Sarah E. McPhail.

Ordered, That leave of absence for the remainder of the school-year be granted to Mary A. Davis, second assistant, and Sarah E. McPhail, third assistant, in the Adams District; and

Substitutes approved, Joel C. Boland, Abbie C. Wilson.

Ordered, That Joel C. Boland and Abbie C. Wilson be approved as substitutes for longer than one month in the Adams District.

Report of Committee on Normal School and Revision Committee (Doc. 14).

Mr. Hobbs, for the Committee on the Normal School, presented a report of the Joint Committee of the Normal and Revision Committees (Doc. 14) which was accepted and laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Flint, for the Committee on High Schools, it was

Leave of absence to Mary L. Charles.

Ordered, That leave of absence without pay, for the remainder of the school-year, be granted to Mary L. Charles, fourth assistant in the West Roxbury High School.

Further time to Com. on Normal School.

Mr. Hobbs, for the Committee on the Normal School, requested further time in which to present the report of that Committee relating to reorganization of the course of study.

Granted.

On motion of Mr. Hobbs, it was

Adjournment.

Ordered, That when this Board adjourn, it be to meet on Tuesday, May 20, at 8 o'clock, P.M.

Mr. Winship offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to have the brook that flows through the yard of the Washington-street Primary School covered, in order to protect the children of the school.

Improvement in yard of Washington-street Primary.

Read, and on motion of Mr. Chapin, referred to the City Council.

Mr. Bowditch offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Board of Supervisors be instructed to report what, if any, additional apparatus is necessary for giving practical instruction in the use of the Metric System of Weights and Measures, as provided for in the course of instruction adopted June, 1878.

Board of Supervisors; metric apparatus.

Passed.

The time having arrived for the consideration of the special assignment, Report of the Committee on Text-Books (Doc. 12), the report was taken from the table, on motion of Mr. Blake.

Special assignment, Report of Committee on Text-Books

The first order was considered.

Mr. Porter moved that the order be amended by providing that the Committee on Supplies be authorized to furnish "Munroe's Primary Reading Charts" to the fifth and sixth classes of the Primary Schools, when requested to do so by the teachers.

Accepted by the committee.

On motion of Mr. Finney, the question was divided, so that all of the books and charts, with the exception of the "Franklin Primary Arithmetic," were considered.

The first order, as amended, with the exception of the "Franklin Primary Arithmetic," passed.

Mr. B. Adams offered the following: —

Ordered, That wherever a change of text-books is decided upon by this Board, the change shall take place and the new books shall be introduced into the schools only as new classes are formed.

At the request of Mr. Collar, the Superintendent expressed his opinion on the above amendment.

Mr. Collar moved to amend Mr. B. Adams' order by adding the words "in the several studies in which changes in text-books may be ordered."

The amendment was accepted by Mr. Adams.

Mr. Perkins offered the following: —

Ordered, That the decision concerning a change from "Eaton's Grammar School Arithmetic" to the "Franklin Primary," and the "Franklin Written Arithmetic," be delayed for three months, in order that the two books may be compared by the Committee on Text-Books, and the better be recommended for adoption at the first meeting of the Board in September.

Lost.

Mr. B. Adams's motion was lost, by a vote of 7 to 9.

The remainder of the first order, viz., "The Franklin Primary Arithmetic, three copies each teacher," passed.

The second order passed.

On motion of Mr. Moran, it was

Ordered, That separate action be taken on every text-book requiring a change to be made.

The third order was then considered.

Mr. W. T. Adams offered the following: —

Ordered, That "Harper's Introductory Geography" be substituted for "Warren's Primary Geography," and "Harper's School Geography" for "Warren's Common School Geography."

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

The following text-books for the sixth class were adopted: —

"Franklin Fourth Reader."

"Intermediate Music Reader."

"Harper's Introductory Geography."

On motion of Mr. Chapin, the yeas and nays were ordered on the passage of all text-books where adoption will require a change. Yeas and nays.

The text-books for the fifth class being under consideration, Mr. Finney moved that "Harper's Introductory Geography" be substituted for "Warren's Primary Geography" in all the classes where it is used.

Passed, by the following vote: —

Yeas. — Messrs. B. Adams, W. T. Adams, Blake, Bowditch, Brewer, Chapin, Collar, Finney, Fletcher, Flint, Fox, Hayes, Hobbs, Hyde, Perkins, Plummer, Reed, Ryan, Winship. — 19.

Nays. — Miss Peabody, Messrs. Fallon, Moran, Porter. — 4.

The "Franklin Written Arithmetic" passed, by the following vote: —

Yeas. — Messrs. W. T. Adams, Blake, Brewer, Collar, Fallon, Finney, Fletcher, Flint, Fox, Hayes, Hobbs, Hyde, Porter, Plummer, Reed, Ryan, Winship. — 17.

Nays. — Miss Peabody, Messrs. B. Adams, Bowditch, Chapin, Moran, Perkins. — 6.

The remaining books for the fifth class were adopted.

The text-books for the fourth class were considered.

Mr. Finney's motion that "Harper's School Geography" be substituted for "Warren's Common School Geography" for all classes in which it is reported, passed, by the following vote: —

Yeas. — Messrs. B. Adams, W. T. Adams, Blake, Bowditch, Brewer, Chapin, Collar, Finney, Fletcher, Flint, Fox, Hayes, Hobbs, Hyde, Perkins, Plummer, Reed, Ryan, Winship. — 19.

Nays. — Messrs. Fallon, Moran, Porter. — 3.

Mr. Blake moved that the "Franklin Written Arithmetic" be adopted for all classes for which it is reported.

Passed, by the following vote: —

Yeas. — Miss Peabody, Messrs. W. T. Adams, Blake, Brewer, Chapin, Collar, Fallon, Finney, Fletcher, Flint, Fox, Hayes, Hobbs, Hyde, Perkins, Porter, Plummer, Reed, Ryan, Winship. — 20.

Nays. — Messrs. B. Adams, Bowditch, Moran. — 3.

The "Franklin Fifth Reader" and "Intermediate Music Reader" were adopted for all the classes in which they were reported.

The text-books for the third class were considered.

Mr. Moran moved to substitute "Anderson's History" for "Higginson's History."

Lost, by the following vote: —

Yeas. — Messrs. Chapin, Moran, Plummer. — 3.

Nays. — Miss Peabody, Messrs. B. Adams, W. T. Adams, Blake, Bowditch, Brewer, Collar, Fallon, Finney, Fletcher, Flint, Fox, Hayes, Hobbs, Hyde, Perkins, Porter, Reed, Ryan, Winship. — 20.

On motion of Mr. Blake, "Higginson's History" was adopted in all classes for which it is reported, by the following vote: —

Yeas. — Miss Peabody, Messrs. B. Adams, W. T. Adams, Blake, Bowditch, Brewer, Collar, Fallon, Finney, Fletcher, Flint, Fox, Hayes, Hobbs, Hyde, Perkins, Porter, Reed, Ryan, Winship. — 20.

Nays. — Messrs. Chapin, Moran, Plummer. — 3.

"Franklin Sixth Reader," "Swinton's New Language Lessons," "Worcester's Comprehensive Dictionary" and the "Fourth Music Reader" were adopted for all the classes for which they were reported.

On motion of Mr. Fallon, Thalheimer's History, as reported for the first class, was recommitted to the Committee on Text-Books, by a vote of 12 to 7.

The Drawing-books, Writing-books, and Prang's "Trades," were adopted, as reported, for all classes.

On motion of Mr. Flint, "Cooley's Elements of Philosophy" was added to the list for use of the first class.

"Cooley's Elements of Philosophy" for the first class, and "Hooker's Child's Book of Nature" for all classes, in such quantities as the Committee on Supplies may determine, were adopted by the following vote: —

Yeas. — Miss Peabody, Messrs. B. Adams, Blake, Bowditch, Brewer, Chapin, Collar, Fallon, Finney, Flint, Hayes, Hobbs, Hyde, Moran, Perkins, Porter, Plummer, Reed, Ryan, Winship. — 20.

Nays. — Mr. W. T. Adams. — 1.

The fourth order was considered. The entire list of books for Supplementary Reading was adopted. The last four, viz.: —

"Selections from American Authors,"

"Guyot's Geographical Series, Introduction,"

"Children's Poetry-book,"

"Tales from the Arabian Nights,"

were adopted by the following vote: —

Yeas. — The Mayor, Miss Peabody, Messrs. B. Adams, W. T. Adams, Blake, Bowditch, Brewer, Chapin, Collar, Fallon, Finney, Hobbs, Moran, Porter, Reed, Ryan, Winship. — 17.

Nays. — Mr. Plummer. — 1.

Special assignment.

On motion of Mr. Finney, the further consideration of Doc. 12 was specially assigned to 8.30 o'clock of the next regular meeting of the Board.

Sixth Report of Committee on Revision.

On motion of Mr. Finney, the sixth report of the Committee on Revision (Doc. 13) was taken from the table, and Orders 1, 2, 3, and 4, under the head of "Grammar Schools," on page 12, were passed.

On motion of Mr. Finney, the Board adjourned at half-past ten o'clock.

Attest:

GEO. A. SMITH, *Secretary.*

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, May 20, 1879.

An adjourned meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at eight o'clock; the President in the chair.

Present: All the members except Mr. Cutter.

On motion of Mr. Plummer, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Doc. 13 laid on table.

On motion of Mr. Finney, the sixth report of the Committee on Revision (Doc. 13), which was taken from the table and partially considered at the previous meeting, was again laid on the table.

Report of Joint Com. on Revision and Sewing.

Mr. Finney, for the Joint Committee on Revision and Sewing, submitted a report of that committee, accompanied by the following order: —

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations be requested to present amendments to the Rules, by which instruction in sewing shall be given by the regular teachers, under the direction and with the assistance of special teachers; said special teachers not to exceed one for every thousand pupils who receive instruction in sewing.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Reconsideration.

On motion of Mr. Winship, the vote on the passage of the above order was reconsidered.

Minority report of Joint Com. on Sewing and Revision.

Miss Peabody presented a minority report on the subject, signed by F. Lyman Winship aud Lucia M. Peabody, representing the impracticability of obliging the regular teachers to teach the sewing, and showing the small reduc-

tion in expense that the adoption of the majority report would insure. The report, in conclusion, stated that the committee can only advise so small a reduction as would accrue from increasing the number of divisions taught by a few of the sewing-teachers, thus slightly reducing the number employed.

On motion of Mr. Bowditch, Miss Crocker was requested to give her opinion on the subject.

Miss Crocker spoke in favor of the minority report.

On motion of Mr. Finney, it was

Yeas and Nays.

Ordered, That, when the question be put, the yeas and nays be taken on the passage of the order.

Miss Peabody offered the following, as a substitute for the order in the majority report: —

Ordered, That the sewing be left in its present condition in our schools, — without change.

Mr. Finney moved the previous question.

Passed.

The motion to substitute the order offered by Miss Peabody for the order in the majority report passed by the following vote: —

Yeas. — Miss Peabody, Messrs. Bowditch, Brewer, Chapin, Collar, Fallon, Fletcher, Fox, Hayes, Hobbs, Perkins, Reed, Ryan, and Winship. — 14.

Nays. — The Mayor, Messrs. B. Adams, Wm. T. Adams, Blake, Finney, Flint, Hyde, Moran, Porter, Plummer. — 10.

The order as offered by Miss Peabody passed, by the following vote: —

Yeas. — Miss Peabody, Messrs. Bowditch, Brewer, Chapin, Collar, Fallon, Fletcher, Flint, Fox, Hayes, Hobbs, Hyde, Perkins, Reed, Ryan, and Winship. — 16.

Nays. — Messrs. B. Adams, W. T. Adams, Blake, Finney, Moran, Porter, Plummer. — 7.

Mr. Collar offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Committee on Sewing be requested to report an order to this Board, requiring the regular teachers to qualify themselves, within a certain time, to give instruction in sewing.

Teachers to qualify themselves to teach sewing.

Passed.

On motion of Mr. Flint, for the Committee on High Schools, it was

Ordered, That the session of the several High Schools be suspended on Friday, May 23, on the occasion of the annual parade of the Boston School Regiment.

Suspension of session in High Schools.

Mr. Winship, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That in place of a second sub-master to be appointed to the Allston School, there shall be allowed one permanent and one temporary teacher of the third grade.

Allston School; appointment of teachers.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Nominations.

Mr. Finney offered the following: —

Ordered, That a special committee of three be appointed to inquire concerning the employment of children, belonging to the public schools, in theatrical performances at the Boston Museum, particularly with regard to the manner of their engagement and training for said performances, and to report to this Board at its next regular meeting.

Committee to investigate employment of children in theatrical performances.

Passed.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Finney, B. Adams, and Hobbs, to serve as the above committee.

Committee appointed.

Mr. Blake offered the following: —

Ordered, That the next regular meeting of this Board be held on Monday, May 26, at eight o'clock, and that the rules be suspended to allow the passage of the order.

Change in time of regular meeting.

The rules were suspended, and the order passed.

Mr. W. T. Adams offered the following orders: —

Ordered, That the several orders appended to the Re-

Amendments to Report of Committee on Text-Books.

port of the Committee on Text-Books, submitted to this Board May 6, be amended by the substitution of "Harper's Introductory Geography," wherever "Warren's Primary Geography" is mentioned, and "Harper's School Geography" wherever "Warren's Common School Geography" is mentioned.

Ordered, That the ninth order appended to the Report of the Committee on Text-Books (Doc. 12) be amended by inserting after the word "as," in the first line, the words, "reported by the Committee on Text-Books, with the amendments thereto, as."

Special assignment.

Read, and, on motion of Mr. W. T. Adams, specially assigned for consideration to 8.30 o'clock, at the next meeting of the Board.

Mr. Chapin offered the following: —

Adoption of Guyot's Geography to be considered.

Ordered, That the Committee on Text-Books consider the expediency of adopting "Guyot's New Intermediate Geography" for the use of the public schools the ensuing year, the same being now in use in some of the divisions of the city.

Special assignment.

Read, and, on motion of Mr. Finney, specially assigned for consideration to the next meeting of the Board.

Doc. 15. Report of Committee on Normal School.

Mr. Hobbs, for the Committee on the Normal School, submitted a report relating to reorganization of the course of study, etc., in that school, which, on motion of Mr. Hobbs, was laid on the table, and ordered to be printed. (Doc. 15, 1879.)

Mr. Fallon offered the following: —

Orders to be rescinded.

Ordered, That the several orders passed at the meeting of the School Committee held on the 13th inst. substituting "Harper's Introductory Geography" for "Warren's Primary Geography," and "Harper's School Geography" for "Warren's Common School Geography," be rescinded.

Ruled out of order, for the reason that the report of

the Committee on Text-Books had been specially assigned to the next meeting.

Mr. Reed offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Committee on Text-Books report to this Board, on or before the first meeting in June, a suitable spelling-book for use in the Primary and Grammar classes.

Spelling-book for Primary and Grammar classes.

On motion of Mr. Reed, the yeas and nays were ordered on the passage of the order.

Yeas and Nays.

The order was lost, by the following vote: —

Yeas. — Messrs. Brewer, Fallon, Hayes, Hobbs, Hyde, Moran, Porter, Plummer, Reed, Ryan. — 10.

Nays. — The Mayor, Miss Peabody, Messrs. B. Adams, W. T. Adams, Blake, Bowditch, Chapin, Collar, Finney, Flint, Perkins, Winship. — 12.

The Chair read the following communication: —

Resignation of Warren Fletcher from Chairmanship of Com. on Evening Schools.

BOSTON, May 20, 1879.

To the President of the School Board: —

DEAR SIR: — I hereby tender my resignation as Chairman of the Committee on Evening Schools.

WARREN FLETCHER.

Accepted.

Appointment of Chairman of Com. on Evening Schools.

The Chair appointed Mr. Porter as Chairman of the Committee on Evening Schools, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Fletcher.

Report of Com. on Salaries.

Mr. Hayes, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred — April 1 — an order that Mabel F. Wheaton, third assistant in the Dudley District, be placed upon the third year's salary of that grade, reported that, in consideration of previous long and successful service, the following order ought to pass: —

Salary of Mabel F. Wheaton.

Ordered, That Mabel F. Wheaton, third assistant in the Dudley District, be placed upon the second year's salary of that grade, to date from Feb. 3, 1879.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Petition for continuance of Brighton High School.

The Chair read a petition signed by Benj. T. Paine and forty-four others, citizens of Ward 25, praying for the continuance of the Brighton High School.

Referred to the Committee on High Schools.

On motion of Mr. Porter, the Board adjourned at half-past ten o'clock.

Attest:

GEO. A. SMITH, *Secretary.*

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, May 26, 1879.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at eight o'clock; the President in the chair.

Present: All the members except Messrs. Cutter and Perkins.

On motion of Mr. Bowditch, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following nominations: — Reports of Committee on Nominations.

FOR TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Bowdoin District. — Fanny N. Nickerson, third assistant, from May 3, 1879. Temporary teachers.

Chapman District. — Mary A. Palmer, third assistant, from May 3, 1879.

Comins District. — Charles L. Clay, sub-master, from May 1 to May 9, 1879, inclusive.

Frothingham District. — Abbie C. McAuliffe, fourth assistant, from June 3, 1879.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Adams District. — Joel C. Bolan, second assistant, from Sept. 1, 1879. Election of teachers.

Chapman District. — Charlotte A. Pike, fourth assistant, from Sept. 1, 1879.

Dwight District. — Ella Bradley, fourth assistant, from Feb. 3, 1879.

Lewis District. — Althea W. Barry, third assistant, from May 3, 1879.

Quincy District. — Kate T. Murtagh, third assistant, from May 16, 1879.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Girls' High School. — Marie de Maltchycé, special teacher of French.

Bigelow District. — Fannie L. Toppan, and Mary F. Savage, third assistants.

Dwight District. — Ella Bradley, fourth assistant.

Hillside District. — E. Augusta Randall, fourth assistant.

Norcross District. — Jennie Mullaly and Martha G. Buckley, third assistants.

Phillips District. — Helen M. Coolidge, third assistant.

Warren District. — Carrie W. Graves, fourth assistant.

Wells District. — Alice M. Brown, third assistant.

Accepted.

Annual Report of Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Hayes, for the Committee on Salaries, presented the annual report of that committee (Doc. 16), consisting of a majority report, signed by Geo. H. Plummer, Nahum Chapin, and John B. Moran, and a minority report, signed by John J. Hayes and Wm. T. Adams, which, on motion of Mr. Hayes, was accepted and laid on the table.

Report of Committee to investigate theatrical performances.

Mr. Finney, for the special committee appointed May 20, to make inquiry concerning the employment of children of the public schools in theatrical performances at the Boston Museum, particularly with regard to the manner of their engagement and training for said performances, submitted the following report: —

About sixty boys and girls have been employed during the past three weeks in theatrical performances at the Boston Museum, most of the time during the regular school sessions. These children were selected from a large number of applicants by Mr. J. B. Sharland, one of the special musical instructors of the Boston schools. Most of the children selected are, or were, pupils of our schools — sixteen being members of the Brimmer, and fourteen of the Winthrop School. Many of the children have, since their employment at the theatre, obtained their discharge from school, for the reason that they "intend to travel." There is no doubt in the mind of the committee of the injury to these children in being withdrawn from school for this purpose, or of the injurious effect upon the schools for two or three hundred pupils to be withdrawn even for a comparatively short time to attend rehearsals awaiting the decision of the musical instructor regarding their fitness for the stage. The effect of the mere withdrawal of an equal number of pupils from the schools, which is particularly objectionable at this season of the year, is not to be compared in extent or character with the injury to scholars under the circumstances of this case. There is a feeling of excitement and unrest among many of the classmates of these performers, which, to say the least, is not conducive to study or proper discipline. The committee very much regret that Mr. Sharland was induced to put himself in a position where his name and his influence as a teacher in the public schools must have encouraged many children to seek, and many parents to allow them to seek, employment of this nature. In justice to Mr. Sharland it should be stated that he has assured the committee that he entered upon the work as an employé of the proprietors of the enterprise without due thought of the effects of the performances upon the schools; that his labor in selecting and

training the children was done while the schools were not in session, and that he now regrets his connection with the undertaking.

The chairman of the committee joined the Superintendent in a request to the Police Commissioners to revoke the license granted to this entertainment. This seemed the only thing which the committee could do in the circumstances, and they have no further action to propose to the school board. Had they been sooner informed of what was going on they might have interfered with some effect; but the information was received too late to enable them to be of any service in protecting the schools and their pupils. Should any similar enterprise on the part of theatrical managers or speculators be attempted hereafter, the committee hope that no instructor of the public schools will be drawn into it, and that the masters of schools from which such pupils may be taken will give immediate notice to the School Committee or the Superintendent, in order that effective means of prevention may be resorted to in time.

The report was accepted.

Report of committee to consider expediency of dispensing with Annual Festival.

Mr. Hobbs, for the Committee on the Annual Festival, to whom was referred — May 6 — an order to consider the expediency of dispensing with the festival as a whole or in part, reported to the effect that it is a festival long established, and sanctioned by the best of the city's citizens, a fitting recognition of the graduation of about 2,000 pupils, — tiresome perhaps to older people, but associated with many bright, pleasing memories in the minds of the children; it reflects credit on the city, and evinces a public interest and a continued recognition of the worth of general education which has always distinguished the community. The committee, therefore, are of the opinion that it

is not well to dispense even partially with the Annual School Festival.

Accepted.

Mr. Fallon, for the Committee on the Sixth Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the line of division between the Shurtleff and the Andrew Schools be changed from the middle of Eighth street to the middle of Ninth street, and that the other lines between these schools be made to correspond.

District lines, Andrew and Shurtleff.

Read, and referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Bowditch offered the following: —

Ordered, That Louise P. Arnold, third assistant in the Hillside District, be placed upon the fifth year's salary, in consideration of previous service.

Salary of Louise P. Arnold.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

On motion of Mr. Hayes, for the Committee on the Fourth Division, it was

Ordered, That leave of absence for the remainder of the school-year be granted to Sarah J. March, third assistant in the Brimmer District.

Leave of absence to Sarah J. March.

Mr. Winship, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That Eliza W. Jones, second assistant in the Bennett District, be allowed the fifth year's salary, on account of previous service.

Salary of Eliza W. Jones.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Hyde, for the Committee on the Fifth Division, offered the following: —

The Primary School situated at the Mill-dam, on Parker street, contains but fifteen pupils; the distance to the Sherwin School is a little less than a mile; therefore the Committee on the Fifth Division recommend the abolishment of the school, as the pupils can be accommodated in other Primary Schools of the district, and the teacher transferred.

Mill-dam Primary to be abolished.

Read, and referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Fox moved to adjourn.

Lost.

Adjournment.

Mr. Finney moved, that when the Board adjourn it be to meet on Wednesday, June 4, at 8 o'clock, P.M.

On motion of Mr. Collar, the order was amended, to read "7 o'clock" in place of "8 o'clock."

Passed as amended.

Report of Committee on Eighth Division on consolidation of schools.

Mr. Winship, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, reported in relation to the general order, passed May 13, — whether or not any consolidation of schools is expedient in that division — that at the present time a consolidation of schools could not be made.

Accepted.

Mr. Collar offered the following: —

Superintendent of janitors.

Ordered, That the Committee on Accounts be requested to consider and report to this Board whether it is expedient to appoint a person to serve as chief janitor, to be charged with the duty of supervising janitors, inspecting the condition and working of the heating and ventilating apparatus in school buildings, and particularly of attending to all matters of drainage.

Passed.

Special assignment. Report of Committee on Text-Books.

The time having arrived for the consideration of the special assignment, — report of the Committee on Text-Books and its amendments (Doc. 12), — on motion of Mr. Blake, the report was taken from the table.

The fifth order — text-books and supplementary reading-books for High and Latin Schools — was first considered.

Mr. Flint moved to amend the "English" books by substituting "Six Selections from Irving's Sketch-Book," by Homer B. Sprague, for "Irving's Sketch-Book."

Accepted by Mr. Blake, for the Committee on Text-Books.

Miss Peabody moved to amend, so as to read "Shakespeare, Rolfe's, or Hudson's Selections."

Accepted by Mr. Blake, for the Committee on Text-Books.

Mr. Blake moved that all of the books in English be adopted, excepting the American Poems.

Passed.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the yeas and nays were ordered on the passage of the "American Poems, with Biographical Sketches and Notes."

Passed.

Yeas and Nays.

Yeas. — Miss Peabody, Messrs. B. Adams, W. T. Adams, Blake, Bowditch, Chapin, Collar, Fallon, Finney, Fletcher, Flint, Fox, Hayes, Hobbs, Hyde, Moran, Porter, Plummer, Reed, Winship. — 20.

Nays. — None.

The "French" books were then considered.

Mr. Blake moved that the "French" books, with the exception of "Gasc's French Dictionary," be adopted.

Passed.

Mr. Finney moved to insert "as new classes in French are formed," after "Gasc's French Dictionary."

Passed.

"Gasc's French Dictionary" passed as amended, by the following vote: —

Yeas. — Miss Peabody, Messrs. B. Adams, W. T. Adams, Blake, Bowditch, Brewer, Chapin, Collar, Fallon, Finney, Fletcher, Flint, Fox, Hayes, Hobbs, Hyde, Moran, Porter, Plummer, Reed, Winship. — 21.

Nays. — None.

The "German" books were then considered.

Mr. Blake moved that the "German" books, with the exception of "Whitney's German Dictionary," be adopted.

Passed.

Mr. Moran moved to insert "as new classes in German are formed," after "Whitney's German Dictionary."

Passed.

Mr. Flint moved that the French and German Dictionaries hereafter furnished by the city shall be "Gasc's French Dictionary" and "Whitney's German Dictionary."

Passed.

"Whitney's German Dictionary" passed as amended, by the following vote: —

Yeas. — Miss Peabody, Messrs. B. Adams, W. T. Adams, Blake, Bowditch, Brewer, Chapin, Collar, Fallon, Finney, Fletcher, Flint, Fox, Hayes, Hobbs, Hyde, Moran, Porter, Plummer, Reed, Winship. — 21.

Nays. — None.

The "Latin" books were then considered.

Mr. Blake moved to amend so that "Harkness's" or "Allen and Greenough's Latin Grammar" be used in the Latin School as new classes are formed.

Withdrawn.

Miss Peabody moved as a substitute for "Harkness's Latin Grammar," that "where Allen and Greenough's Latin Grammar is used, Harkness's Latin Grammar be substituted only when new classes are formed."

The motion to substitute passed.

The order to adopt "Harkness's Latin Grammar" was lost, by the following vote: —

Yeas. — The Mayor, Messrs. B. Adams, W. T. Adams, Blake, Chapin, Collar, Fallon, Finney, Fletcher, Fox, Hobbs, Moran, Porter, Ryan, Winship. — 15.

Nays. — Miss Peabody, Messrs. Bowditch, Brewer, Flint, Hayes, Hyde, Reed. — 7.

"Gildersleeve's Latin Primer" was lost, by the following vote: —

Yeas. — The Mayor, Miss Peabody, Messrs. B. Adams, W. T. Adams, Blake, Bowditch, Brewer, Collar, Finney, Flint, Fox, Hobbs, Hyde, Porter, Winship. — 15.

Nays. — Messrs. Chapin, Fallon, Fletcher, Hayes, Moran, Reed, Ryan. — 7.

The remainder of the Latin books was adopted.

The text-books in "History," "Mathematics," "Physics," "Astronomy," "Chemistry," "Botany," "Zoölogy," "Physiology," "Music," and "Drawing," and all of the text-books for advanced classes in the Central High Schools, were adopted as reported.

The Latin School text-books were then considered.

"Gildersleeve's Latin Primer" passed, by the following vote: —

Yeas. — Miss Peabody, Messrs. B. Adams, W. T. Adams, Blake, Bowditch, Brewer, Chapin, Collar, Fallon, Finney, Fletcher, Flint, Fox, Hayes, Hobbs, Hyde, Porter, Ryan, Winship. — 19.

Nays. — Messrs. Moran, Reed. — 2.

Mr. Flint moved to add to "Harkness's Grammar," "or Allen and Greenough's Grammar."

Lost, by the following vote: —

Yeas. — Miss Peabody, Messrs. Bowditch, Brewer, Collar, Flint, Hayes, Hobbs, Hyde, Winship. — 9.

Nays. — The Mayor, Messrs. W. T. Adams, Blake, Fallon, Fletcher, Fox, Moran, Porter, Reed, Ryan. — 10.

The "Latin" books were adopted as reported.

On motion of Mr. Flint, the vote rejecting "Gildersleeve's Latin Primer" in High Schools was reconsidered.

"Gildersleeve's Latin Primer" was adopted in High Schools, by the following vote: —

Yeas. — The Mayor, Miss Peabody, Messrs. B. Adams, W. T. Adams, Blake, Bowditch, Brewer, Chapin, Collar,

Fallon, Finney, Fletcher, Flint, Fox, Hayes, Hobbs, Hyde, Moran, Porter, Reed, Ryan, Winship. — 22.

Nays. — None.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the text-books in "Greek," "English," "French," and "German" were adopted.

"Higginson's History of the United States" passed, by the following vote: —

Yeas. — The Mayor, Miss Peabody, Messrs. B. Adams, W. T. Adams, Blake, Bowditch, Brewer, Chapin, Collar, Fallon, Finney, Fletcher, Flint, Fox, Hayes, Hobbs, Hyde, Porter, Reed, Ryan, Winship. — 21.

Nays. — Mr. Moran. — 1.

The remainder of the books in "History" was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the consideration of the Geographies and the Arithmetic was omitted.

The text-books in "Physiology," "Botany," "Zoölogy," "Mathematics" (with the exception of the Arithmetic) "Physics," "Drawing," and Music" were adopted.

Mr. Blake moved to adopt "The Franklin Written Arithmetic."

Mr. Bowditch moved to postpone the consideration of the subject.

On motion of Mr. Finney, the previous question was ordered.

The "Franklin Written Arithmetic" was adopted, by the following vote: —

Yeas. — The Mayor, Miss Peabody, Messrs. B. Adams, W. T. Adams, Blake, Brewer, Collar, Fallon, Finney, Fletcher, Flint, Fox, Hayes, Hobbs, Hyde, Moran, Porter, Reed, Winship. — 19.

Nays. — Messrs. Bowditch, Chapin, Ryan. — 3.

The "supplementary reading" was then considered.

Mr. Collar offered the following: —

Ordered, That books required for admission to Harvard College be allowed as supplementary reading in the Public Latin School.

Passed, by the following vote: —

Yeas. — The Mayor, Miss Peabody, Messrs. B. Adams, W. T. Adams, Blake, Bowditch, Brewer, Collar, Fallon, Finney, Fletcher, Flint, Fox, Hayes, Hobbs, Hyde, Ryan, Winship. — 18.

Nays. — None.

The sixth order passed.

The seventh order passed, by the following vote: —

Yeas. — Miss Peabody, Messrs. B. Adams, W. T. Adams, Blake, Bowditch, Brewer, Chapin, Collar, Fallon, Finney, Fletcher, Flint, Fox, Hayes, Hobbs, Hyde, Moran, Porter, Reed, Ryan, Winship. — 21.

Nays. — None.

The eighth order passed, by the following vote: —

Yeas. — The Mayor, Miss Peabody, Messrs. B. Adams, W. T. Adams, Blake, Bowditch, Brewer, Chapin, Collar, Fallon, Finney, Fletcher, Flint, Fox, Hayes, Hobbs, Hyde, Moran, Porter, Reed, Ryan, Winship. —22.

Nays. — None.

Mr. Finney moved the substitution of "Harper's School Geography" for "Warren's Common School Geography," on page 19.

Mr. Wm. T. Adams moved a suspension of the rules that action might be taken.

Mr. B. Adams moved that the subject be recommitted to the Committee on Text-books.

Passed.

Miss Peabody offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Committee on Text-Books be requested to consider the "Our World Series of Geogra- "Our World Series of Geographies."

phies" in connection with the other geographies referred to them.

Passed.

Mr. Ryan offered the following: —

Franklin Arithmetics to be reconsidered.

Ordered, That the votes whereby the "Franklin Primary" and the "Franklin Written Arithmetics" were substituted for "Eaton's Intellectual" and "Eaton's Grammar School Arithmetics" be reconsidered.

Lost.

Mr. Chapin offered the following: —

Sessions of Pub. Schools suspended June 17.

Ordered, That there be no session of the public schools on the seventeenth of June next.

Mr. Finney moved to amend the order, so that it apply to Charlestown schools only.

Lost.

Mr. Chapin's order passed.

On motion of Mr. Finney, the Board adjourned at five minutes before ten o'clock.

Attest:

GEO. A. SMITH, *Secretary*.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, June 4, 1879.

An adjourned meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at seven o'clock; the Vice-President in the chair.

Present: All the members except His Honor the Mayor and Mr. Cutter.

On motion of Mr. Porter, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Report of Com. on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Hobbs, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred — May 6 — an order that Section 177 of the Regulations be amended by striking out the words "fifteen minutes at noon, and," so that the passage shall read, "*Provided* that teachers may judiciously exercise the right to detain a pupil for a reasonable time, not exceeding thirty minutes in the afternoon, etc.," reported that the order ought to pass: —

Amendments to Sect. 177.

Passed to second reading.

Report of Com. on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Hobbs, for the same committee, to whom was referred — May 6 — an order to amend Sect. 230 of the Regulations, reported that the following order ought to pass.

Amendment to Sect. 230.

Ordered, That Section 230 of the Regulations be amended so as to read as follows: —

"Lessons to be learned out of school shall be such as a scholar of good capacity can learn in an hour's study at most, and shall not be required from pupils in the Primary Schools or in the Grammar Schools below the fifth class. Lessons to be studied," etc.

Passed to second reading.

Report of Com. on Rules and Regulations Evening Schools.

Mr. Hobbs, for the same committee, who were requested — April 22 — to take into consideration the plan of reorganization of the Evening Schools, submitted by the Committee on Revision, and report the necessary amendments to the Regulations, reported a new draft of Chapter XXIV.

"This committee have entirely omitted, as unnecessary or contrary to their instructions, Sections 341, 344, 345, and 347. Other sections have been changed or rearranged, and such necessary details as were not included in the plan submitted by the Committee on Revision have been retained. They have endeavored to incorporate all the details of the new plan in the new draft, though they found some slight discrepancies in the former, which they have taken the liberty to remove in accordance with their own judgment.

CHAPTER XXIII.

Regulations of the Evening Schools.

New draft of Chapter. XXIV.

Section 335. Evening schools for adults, and such children as are unable to attend the day schools, may be established by the Committee on Evening Schools, as follows: —

1. One Evening High School for pupils from all parts of the city, who are qualified for admission. No pupil shall attend this school who has not passed a satisfactory examination in reading, writing, arithmetic, and geography.

2. One Elementary Evening School in each division, but a second evening school may be established in the Eighth Division whenever it shall appear to the committee in charge that more than thirty persons are prevented by distance from attending any evening school; and a second evening school may be established in any division when

the average number attending the school or schools of such division during the preceding season exceeded one hundred and eighty. As far as practicable applicants for admission who are under fifteen shall be excluded.

3. No evening school, except as provided in the preceding article, shall be established unless forty scholars have previously pledged themselves to attend the same regularly; and any evening school shall be discontinued when the average attendance for the preceding month has fallen below thirty.

SECT. 336. The term of the evening schools shall begin on the last Monday in September, and close on the first Friday in March. The two weeks preceding the first Monday in January shall be vacation. The session of these schools shall begin at seven o'clock and close at nine o'clock, on the five evenings of the week from Monday to Friday, both inclusive, the evenings of legal holidays excepted. The school-rooms shall be opened and the teachers shall be present fifteen minutes before the time for the session to begin.

SECT. 337. The principal shall be responsible for the general management of the school. One assistant shall be allowed for every fifteen pupils, and an excess of ten pupils shall entitle the school to an additional assistant; but in schools of less than fifty the principal shall be included in the complement. Assistants shall be dismissed at the close of any month in which the average attendance shall have fallen below the number authorizing their employment.

SECT. 338. The principal of each school, with as many assistants as may be necessary, shall be in attendance at the school-rooms for the examination, registry, and classification of applicants for admission, on such evenings before the beginning of the term as the committee in charge may designate.

SECT. 339. The Committee on Evening Schools shall have the general charge and supervision of all these schools; and each school shall be under the special care of one member of this committee. At least one week before the first meeting of the Board, in October, this committee shall recommend as many qualified candidates as may be necessary for principals and assistants of the evening schools, to the Committee on Nominations, who shall consider and report the same in like manner as for instructors for the day schools. Principals shall be elected by ballot and assistants by confirmation.

SECT. 340. The Board of Supervisors shall designate one or more supervisors to visit and examine the evening schools as often as once in every month, and to report their condition and progress to the chairman of the committee.

SECT. 341. The principal of each evening school shall keep an exact record of the attendance of every pupil, and once each month shall report the same to the Superintendent, who shall notify the chairman of the committee in charge when the average number reported requires the discontinuance of any school, or the dismissal of any assistant.

SECT. 342. No person shall be received as a pupil of any evening school until he has stated to the principal thereof upon what evenings he can probably attend, and has pledged himself to attend upon those evenings as regularly as his circumstances will permit. The principal shall enter the names, address, and the evenings for the attendance of each pupil, in a book kept for the purpose. Any scholar who shall absent himself from school for seven consecutive evenings on which his attendance is due shall be discharged, and shall not be readmitted until he shall have satisfactorily explained his absence. A

principal may discharge a pupil for disobedience or improper conduct; and such pupil shall not be reinstated without the consent of the committee in charge.

SECT. 343. Public examinations or exhibitions may be held at the close of the season with the consent of the committee in charge.

SECT. 344. During the month of September, in each year, the Board of Supervisors shall examine candidates for positions as instructors in the Evening Elementary Schools, and this examination shall be confined to reading, writing, grammar, arithmetic, geography, and history, and the theory and practice of teaching. No person (except a graduate of the Boston Normal School) who has not passed this examination, and received a certificate of qualification, shall be eligible as an instructor in such schools.

SECT. 345. The text-books used in the evening schools shall be such only as are duly authorized by the Board. The pupils shall be encouraged to purchase the books required for use; but those who are unable to do so shall be supplied by the city. The principal shall be responsible for all books owned by the city; and they shall not be taken from the school-house.

SECT. 346. The following studies, and no others, shall be taught in the Evening High School: book-keeping, commercial arithmetic, penmanship, the elements of algebra and geometry, and English composition. Advanced mathematics may be taught, should twenty persons who have previously passed a satisfactory examination in the whole of plane geometry, and in quadratic equations in algebra, petition for such instruction.

SECT. 347. The salaries of the instructors of the evening schools shall be at a fixed rate per week for each week of actual service.

SECT. 348. The truant officers, or such of them as may

be detailed for the purpose by the Committee on Truant Officers, shall render such service in connection with the evening schools as may be required by the committee in charge.

SECT. 349. The Committee on Evening Schools shall report to the Board for approval such school-houses, or other buildings, as are needed for the use of the evening schools.

SECT. 350. The evening schools shall be governed by the regulations of the School Committee other than those contained in this chapter, so far as the same are applicable."

Passed to second reading.

Report of Com. on Rules and Regulations. Truant Officers.

Mr. Hobbs, for the same committee, who were instructed — April 22 — to report several amendments to the regulations relating to truant officers, submitted the following report.

"The first of the amendments proposed is as follows: —

Ordered, That Sect. 365 of the Regulations be amended by the addition of the following: 'He shall devote himself principally to children not on any school register, and visit them at their homes or places of employment, or look after them in the streets.'

This committee find that Sect. 365 already provides that each truant officer 'shall endeavor to procure the attendance at school of all the children of the districts assigned to him, who are required by law to attend school.' The addition of the proposed amendment would be a repetition, in substance, of what is now required.

Again, by the General Statutes, it is required, that 'Each city and town shall make all needful provisions and arrangements concerning habitual truants and children between the ages of seven and fifteen . . . . not attending school;' and it does not seem quite proper that the School Committee should require the truant officers to attend 'principally' to one duty, to the possible neglect of the other.

The committee are also instructed to incorporate in the same section, the following: —

'Children on any school register, and not suspected of truancy, shall not be visited by him (the truant officer) on account of occasional absence; nor shall he visit children suspended by a principal, unless directed to do so by the Division Committee.'

This committee have endeavored to comply with the instructions of the Board, by incorporating the substance of the proposed amendments in a new draft of the section, as follows: —

Amendment to Sect. 365.

SECT. 365. — Each truant officer shall give his whole time to the discharge of the duties of his office, except as may be otherwise provided for vacations, by the Committee on Truant Officers. He shall endeavor to procure the attendance at school of all the children of the districts assigned to him, who are required by law to attend school, and especially of such as are not members of any school, visiting them at their homes or places of employment, or looking after them in the streets for this purpose; and he shall, by persuasion and argument, both with the children and their parents or guardians, and by other means than legal compulsion, strive to secure such attendance. The truant officers shall not be employed to inquire into the occasional absence of pupils of the public schools who are not suspected of truancy, or be required to visit those suspended by principals, unless directed to do so by the Division Committee.

Amendment to Sect. 366.

This committee report the third amendment as instructed, — the insertion in the ninth line of Sect. 366, after the words 'Committee on Truant Officers,' of the words 'or the Superintendent of Schools.'

The regulation now requires a truant officer to consult with a member of the Division Committee, or with the

chairman of the Committee on Truant Officers, before procuring a warrant for the arrest of a truant or non-attendant at school; and the effect of the amendment is to enlarge the option of the officer by the addition of the Superintendent to those who may be consulted before a warrant is obtained."

Passed to second reading.

Boundary lines Allston District.

Mr. Winship, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, presented several communications relative to a change in the boundary lines of the Allston and Bennett Districts.

Read, and referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Report of Com. on Supplies.

Mr. Wm. T. Adams, for the Committee on Supplies, reported a list of metric apparatus for use in the Primary Schools, the same having been previously reported to them by the Board of Supervisors in conformity with the following order, passed May 13th: "That the Board of Supervisors be instructed to report what, if any, additional apparatus is necessary for giving practical instruction in the use of the Metric System of Weights and Measures, as provided for in the course of instruction adopted June, 1878."

Metric app. Primary schools.

Accepted, and the list adopted.

Report of Joint Com. on Drawing and Music, and Supplies.

Mr. Perkins, for the Joint Committee on Drawing and Music and Supplies, who were instructed by an order — March 25 — to ascertain items relative to a reduction in the cost of drawing-books, reported that, owing to negotiations entered into with the publishers of the American Text-books of Art Education, the new edition of said books will be more systematic in their arrangement, and greatly reduced in cost, as per schedule of reduced prices submitted.

Cost of Drawing-Books.

Accepted.

Mr. Perkins, for the Committee on the Third Division, who were instructed to consider and report upon the advisa-

bility of consolidating the schools in that district, by discontinuing the Bowdoin School, reported that they have attended to that duty, and, both on account of the strong feeling in the district against any such measure (proved by two petitions herewith presented, signed by 215 residents) and because of a division of opinion in the committee, they would advise that no action be taken at the present time, but that the question be referred for consideration to the next year's School Board.

Report of Com. on Third Division on discontinuance of Bowdoin School.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Wm. T. Adams, the Sixth Report of the Committee on Revision (Doc. 13) was taken from the table.

Sixth report of Committee on Revision (Doc. 13.)

The first order under "Tenure of Office of Instructors," as follows, was considered: —

1. *Ordered*, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations be instructed to report such amendments to the Rules and Regulations as to provide for the classification of the instructors, so that one-third of them shall be elected every year for a term of three years.

Mr. Porter moved that the order be referred to the next School Board.

Lost, by a vote of 10 to 5.

The first order passed.

The second order, as follows, was considered: —

2. *Ordered*, That, at the next annual election in June, the instructors be elected for a term of seven months, from the first day of September, 1879, to the thirty-first day of March, 1880, both days inclusive.

Passed.

The order under "School year," as follows, was considered: —

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations be requested to present amendments to provide that the

school year shall begin the first of April; and the present school year be divided into two terms corresponding with the time of the regular promotions.

Passed.

The first order under "High Schools," as follows, was considered: —

1. *Ordered*, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations be requested to report amendments to the Regulations, to provide that the course of instruction in the Public Latin School shall be six years, and that candidates for admission shall be at least twelve years of age.

Mr. Flint moved an amendment by striking out all after the word "admission," in next to the last line, and substituting the following: "pass an examination equivalent to that for admission to the third class of the Grammar Schools."

At the request of Mr. Chapin, the Superintendent expressed his views on the subject.

Mr. Flint's amendment was lost.

On motion of Mr. Flint, the first order was laid on the table, by a vote of 13 to 9.

The second order, as follows, was then considered: —

2. *Ordered*, That the Committee on School Houses be requested to report district lines for the several High Schools of the city.

Passed.

The third order, as follows, was then considered: —

3. *Ordered*, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations be requested to report amendments by which pupils may be transported to High Schools from districts in which not more than seventy-five pupils of such schools reside.

On motion of Mr. Wm. T. Adams, the order was referred to the Committee on High Schools.

The fourth order, as follows, was then considered : —

4. *Ordered*, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations be requested to report amendments, making the regular course of instruction in High Schools two years, with an advanced course for the English High and Girls' High Schools.

At the request of Mr. Finney, the Superintendent stated his opinion on the subject.

Miss Peabody moved that the order be laid on the table.

Lost.

On motion of Mr. Collar, the yeas and nays were ordered on the passage of the order.

The fourth order passed, by the following vote : —

Yeas. — Messrs. B. Adams, W. T. Adams, Blake, Brewer, Chapin, Fallon, Finney, Fletcher, Hayes, Hobbs, Hyde, Moran, Porter, Plummer, Ryan. — 15.

Nays. — Miss Peabody, Messrs. Bowditch, Collar, Flint, Fox, Perkins, Reed, Winship. — 8.

Mr. Blake moved to postpone further consideration of the subject to the next meeting of the Board.

Lost.

The fifth order, as follows, was then considered : —

5. *Ordered*, That the Committee on High Schools be requested to report a course of study for the district and advanced classes, and that said committee be requested to reduce and simplify the course, and provide that the study of chemistry and other subjects requiring expensive materials be taught only in the advanced course.

Passed.

The sixth order, as follows, was then considered : —

6. *Ordered*, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations be requested to report amendments providing that only one director of French and one of German be employed for the High Schools, and that the instruction

of classes in these languages be given by the regular teachers.

At the request of Mr. Porter, the Superintendent expressed his opinion on the subject.

Mr. Hobbs moved to amend the order by substituting "Committee on High Schools" for "Committee on Rules and Regulations."

Mr. Porter moved to amend the order by substituting the words "special teacher" for the word "director."

Mr. Hobbs' amendment was lost.

Mr. Porter's amendment passed, by a vote of 10 to 6.

Mr. Perkins offered the following as a substitute for the order: —

Ordered, That the Committee on High Schools be requested to report how many special instructors are really needed to superintend the instruction of classes in French and German, if it should be decided to commit it to the regular teachers.

Withdrawn.

Mr. Bowditch offered the following amendment as a substitute for the sixth order: —

Ordered, That instruction in French and German by special teachers shall be limited to one hour per week for each division, and no division shall consist of less than twenty pupils.

Passed.

The sixth order passed as amended.

The seventh order, as follows, was considered: —

7. *Ordered*, That the Superintendent be requested to see that the regulations of the Board relating to subjects to be taught in the High Schools are carried into effect, and to report to the Board any violations of such regulations.

Passed.

The eighth order, as follows, was considered: —

8. *Ordered*, That no person be allowed to attend any High School as a pupil, after he has graduated from the advanced class.

Mr. Collar moved to amend by the addition of the words "except by permission of the Committee on High Schools."

Lost.

Mr. Flint moved to amend, by inserting the words, "or she" after the word "he," in the second line.

Passed, by a vote of 12 to 3.

The eighth order passed as amended.

The ninth order, as follows, was considered: —

9. *Ordered*, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations be requested to report amendments to Section 246, in accordance with the recommendations in the foregoing report.

Mr. Flint moved to amend by striking out all after "Sect. 246," and inserting the words "by which the maximum number of pupils to an instructor in each High School shall be thirty-five."

At the request of Mr. Porter, the Superintendent expressed his opinion on the subject.

Mr. Flint's amendment passed, by a vote of 13 to 8.

The ninth order passed as amended, by a vote of 13 to 6.

The tenth order, as follows, was considered: —

10. *Ordered*, That the Committee on High Schools be requested to consider and report upon the expediency of abolishing military drill.

Passed.

Report of Com. on Text-Books on "Geographies."

Mr. Blake, for the Committee on Text-books, to whom was referred — May 26 — the subject of recommending a Primary and Common School Geography for use in the public schools for the ensuing school year, reported that

two of the members are in favor of the Guyot series, two in favor of Harper's, and one of no change from Warren's, — the book now in use.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Wm. T. Adams, the order, as follows, now before the Board, offered May 20, pages 95 and 96 of the Minutes, was taken from the table.

Ordered, That Harper's Introductory Geography be substituted for Warren's Primary Geography, and Harper's School Geography for Warren's Common School Geography.

Mr. Collar moved that the yeas and nays be taken on the passage of the order.

Passed.

The Chair stated that it would take 17 votes to effect a change in the geographies; and that the geographies now in use will remain in the schools if 17 votes are not given.

Mr. Blake offered the following: —

Ordered, That Guyot's Intermediate and Guyot's Introduction to the study of geography be adopted for use in the schools during the next school year, in place of Warren's Primary School and Warren's Grammar School, wherever the latter books are in use.

Mr. Plummer moved the previous question.

Passed

Mr. Blake's order for the introduction of Guyot's Geographies was lost, by the following vote: —

Yeas. — Messrs. B. Adams, Blake, Chapin, Porter. — 4.

Nays. — Miss Peabody, Messrs. W. T. Adams, Bowditch, Brewer, Collar, Fallon, Flint, Fox, Hayes, Hobbs, Hyde, Moran, Perkins, Plummer, Reed, Ryan, Winship. — 17.

Mr. W. T. Adams' order for the introduction of Harper's Geographies was lost by the following vote: —

Yeas. — Messrs. B. Adams, W. T. Adams, Bowditch, Brewer, Collar, Finney, Fletcher, Flint, Fox, Hobbs, Hyde, Perkins, Plummer, Ryan, Winship. — 15.

Nays. — Miss Peabody, Messrs. Blake, Chapin, Fallon, Hayes, Moran, Porter, Reed. — 8.

Mr. Wm. T. Adams moved that a ballot be taken for the geography to be adopted.

Mr. Chapin moved to amend Mr. Adams' motion by taking a ballot for the same geographies now used.

The Chair decided that the books of the previous year remain in use unless other books are adopted.

Mr. Wm. T. Adams' motion was lost.

Mr. Fallon offered the following: —

Ordered, That Section 120 of the Regulations be amended by adding after the word "requested," in the fifth line of the section, the words "by the Board." Amendment proposed Sect. 120.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Collar moved that when this Board adjourn it be to meet on Tuesday, June 10, at 4 P.M. Adjournment.

Withdrawn.

Mr. B. Adams moved a reconsideration of the vote accepting the report of the Joint Committee on Drawing and Music, and Supplies. Reconsideration.

Passed, and the report was laid on the table.

Mr. Hayes moved a reconsideration of the vote of May 13, whereby the following order was passed: — Reconsideration.

Ordered, That, after the first of next September, the school in Exeter street be separated from the Brimmer District, and that the Committee on the Fourth Division be requested to present to the Board a plan for organization, and a suitable name for the school.

Passed.

Mr. Hayes moved to amend the order by substituting

the words "consider the expediency of presenting," for the word "present."

Passed.

The order as amended passed.

On motion of Mr. Hobbs it was,

Annual School Festival.

Ordered, That the School Festival be held on Saturday, June 28.

On motion of Mr. Reed, the Board adjourned at five minutes before eleven o'clock.

Attest:

GEO. A. SMITH,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, June 10, 1879.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock; the Vice-President in the chair.

Present: All the members except His Honor the Mayor, and Messrs. Bowditch, Cutter, and Flint.

On motion of Mr. Hobbs, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following nominations: — Reports of Com. on Nominations.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Bennett District. — Eliza W. Jones, second assistant. Confirmation of Teachers.

Dorchester-Everett District. — Hattie A. Darling, fourth assistant.

Accepted.

FOR TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Rice District. — Winfield S. Stockbridge, second submaster, from May 15, 1879. Election of Teachers.

Accepted.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, reported the following resignations: — Resignations of Teachers.

Phillips District. — Elvira M. Harrington, third assistant, to take effect Sept. 1, 1879.

Rice District. — Myron T. Pritchard, second submaster, to take effect May 13, 1879.

Accepted.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, requested further time in which to present their annual report of reëlection of instructors. Further time granted for Report of Com. on Nominations.

Granted.

Com. on Nominations to report in print.

On motion of Mr. Plummer, the Committee on Nominations was authorized to report, in print, the nominations for reëlection of instructors.

Report of Com. on High Schools.

Mr. Blake, for the Committee on High Schools, who were requested — June 4 — to consider and report upon the expediency of abolishing military drill, reported that they have carefully considered the subject, and have ascertained the opinions of the principals of the various High Schools in regard to the matter. The almost unanimous testimony of these gentlemen is that military drill is of both moral and physical benefit to the pupils. The carriage and bearing of the boys are manifestly improved by their training on the drill-ground, and the habits of prompt obedience which they there acquire materially lessen the labors of the teachers in maintaining order and discipline in the schools.

Military Drill.

In view of these facts, and of the comparatively small cost of this exercise, the committee consider it inexpedient at the present time to abolish the military drill, or to change it in any essential particular.

Accepted.

Mr. Hayes offered the following as a substitute for the order passed by the Board, June 4: —

Order on separation of Exeter-st. and Brimmer Schools.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Fourth Division consider the expediency of separating the Exeter-street School from the Brimmer District, and reporting to the Board a plan for organization and a suitable name for the school.

Passed.

Report of Joint Com. on Drawing and Music and Supplies.

On motion of Mr. Perkins, the Report of the Joint Committee on Drawing and Music and Supplies, on the cost of drawing-books, etc., was taken from the table, and, after discussion, was accepted.

On motion of Mr. Hobbs, the report of the Committee on the Normal School (Doc. 15) was taken from the table and accepted. Report of Com. on Normal School.

The several orders appended were referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

On motion of Mr. Hobbs, the several orders recommending amendments to the Regulations, as reported June 4, came up for their second reading. Amendments to Regulations; second reading.

The order proposing an amendment to Section 177 [page 111 of the Minutes] was read and passed. Sect. 177.

The order proposing an amendment to Sect. 230 [Page 111 of the Minutes], concerning lessons to be learned out of school, was then considered. Sect. 230.

Mr. Moran moved to amend by striking out the word "fifth" and inserting the following: "third class, provided that home lessons may be required from pupils in the fourth and fifth classes by permission from the Division Committee in charge of any school where such exceptions may be desirable."

Lost, by a vote of 5 to 9.

Mr. Hyde moved to amend by striking out the words, "fifth class," and substituting the following, "fourth class, and that no such lessons be required during the month of June, excepting from the graduating class."

Passed.

The order as amended, passed.

The new draft of Chapter XXIV., as Chapter XXIII. of the Regulations [page 112 of the Minutes], was adopted. Chap. XXIV.

The new draft of Sect. 365 [page 117 of the Minutes] was adopted. Sect. 365.

The order proposing an amendment to Sect. 366 [page 117 of the Minutes] was read and passed. Sect. 366.

Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on School Houses, to Reports of Com. on School-houses.

whom was referred — May 26 — a recommendation from the Committee on the Fifth Division for the abolishment of the Milldam Primary School, reported that the following order ought to pass : —

Milldam Primary abolished.

Ordered, That the Primary School on Parker street, in the Sherwin District, be abolished at the close of the present school year.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, who were requested — June 4 — to report district lines for the several High Schools of the city, reported that the following order ought to pass : —

District lines for High Schools.

Ordered, That the district lines of the High Schools be confined to the boundary lines of the several territories prior to annexation.

After considerable discussion, on motion of Mr. Finney, — Mr. Hobbs in the chair, — the order was recommitted to the Committee on School Houses, for a more definite report providing for boundary lines in Boston proper.

On motion of Mr. Hyde, it was

Exhibitions of Grammar Schools.

Ordered, That the several exhibitions of the Grammar Schools be held this year on June 24, 25, 26, and 27.

Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on School Houses, to whom were referred, — June 4, — communications relative to a change in the boundary lines of the Allston and Bennett Districts, reported that the following order ought to pass : —

Boundary lines Allston and Bennett Districts.

Ordered, That the boundary lines of the Allston and Bennett Districts be amended to read as follows : —

Allston District, for Boys and Girls.

Beginning on Western avenue, at the Watertown bridge,

thence by the centre of Western avenue to Market street; thence by the centre of Market street to the Boston and Albany railroad; thence by a line running to the ledge on the southerly side of Cambridge street; thence by a line running to the centre of Summit street at its intersection with Breck street; thence by the centre of Summit street to the Brookline line; thence by the Brookline line to Charles river; thence by Charles river to the point of beginning.

Bennett District, for Boys and Girls.

Comprises all the territory in Ward 25 not included in the Allston District.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, to whom was referred — May 26 — an order concerning the line of division between the Andrew and Shurtleff School Districts, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That the boundary lines of the Andrew, Bigelow, Norcross, and Shurtleff School Districts, be amended to read as follows: — Boundary lines, Andrew District.

Andrew District, for Boys.

Beginning at Old Harbor Bay at the former boundary line between Boston and Dorchester, and following this line to the South Bay, thence by the water in a northerly direction to the extension of D street; thence by the centre of D street to the Old Colony railroad; thence by said railroad to E street; thence by the centre of E street to Eighth street; thence by the centre of Eighth street to G street; thence by the centre of G street to Old Harbor Bay; thence by the water to the point of beginning.

Andrew District, for Girls.

Beginning at Old Harbor Bay at the former boundary line between Boston and Dorchester, and following this

line to the South Bay; thence by the water in a northerly direction to the extension of D street; thence by the centre of D street to the Old Colony railroad; thence by said railroad to E street; thence by the centre of E street to Ninth street; thence by the centre of Ninth street to G street prolonged; thence by the centre of G street to Old Harbor Bay; thence by the water to the point of beginning.

Bigelow District, for Boys.

Boundary lines, Bigelow District.

Comprises that part of South Boston lying between the districts of the Lawrence and the Lincoln Schools not included in the Andrew School District for boys.

Norcross District, for Girls.

Boundary lines, Norcross District.

Comprises that part of South Boston lying west and north-west of a line beginning at the centre of E street on the northern shore, and running by the centre of E street to the Old Colony railroad; thence by said railroad to D street; thence by the centre of the extension of D street to the South Bay.

Shurtleff District, for Girls.

Boundary lines, Shurtleff District.

Comprises that part of South Boston lying between the districts of the Norcross and the Lincoln Schools not included in the Andrew School District for girls.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, to whom was referred — March 11 — a petition from residents of Ward 24, praying for the establishment of a Primary School near Ashmont station, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Primary building, Ashmont Station.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to erect a two-room Primary building near Ashmont Station, Ward 24.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, to whom was referred — May 6 — the following order, reported that it ought to pass: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to make the necessary repairs in the heating apparatus, and such other repairs as are necessary in the Lincoln Schoolhouse. Repairs, Lincoln Schoolhouse.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, to whom was referred — May 6 — the following order, reported that it ought to pass: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to provide additional yard-room for the Primary Schools in the Mather Building, Broadway, in the Lawrence District. Yard-room, Mather building.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on the Second Division, to whom was referred the order concerning the consolidation of the Prescott School with the remaining schools of the Second Division, reported that they have considered the same, and in their opinion it is inexpedient. Report of Com. on Second Division, Consolidation of Prescott School.

Mr. Hobbs, in the chair, Mr. Finney moved that the order be recommitted to the Committee on the Second Division, with instructions to report a plan for consolidating the Prescott School with the others of the Second Division.

On motion of Mr. B. Adams, the yeas and nays were taken on the passage of the motion.

Mr. Finney's motion passed by the following vote: —

Yeas. — Messrs. B. Adams, W. T. Adams, Collar, Fallon, Finney, Hobbs, Hyde, Moran, Porter, Ryan. — 10. Yeas.

Nays. — Miss Peabody, Messrs. Brewer, Chapin, Fletcher, Hayes, Perkins, Plummer, Reed, and Winship. — 9. Nays.

On motion of Mr. Finney, it was

Ordered, That when this Board adjourn, it be to meet on Wednesday, June 18, at 7.30 P.M. Adjournment.

Boundary lines, Gibson and Mather Districts.

Mr. W. T. Adams, for the Committee on the Ninth Division, submitted an order proposing a change in the boundary lines of the Gibson and Mather Districts.

Read, and referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Hobbs presented a communication, signed by Thomas F. Nutter, relative to extending the summer vacation for pupils in High Schools, and offered the following order: —

Vacation in High Schools.

Ordered, That the Committee on High Schools consider the expediency of opening the High Schools on the second instead of the first Monday in September.

Passed.

On motion of Miss Peabody, it was

Exhibitions of High Schools.

Ordered, That the exhibitions of the various High Schools be fixed at the following dates: —

English High. — June 24, 9 A.M.
West Roxburg High. — June 25, 9 A.M.
Roxbury High. — June 25, 3 P.M.
Charlestown High. — June 26, 9 A.M.
Brighton High. — June 26, 7.30 P.M.
Girls' High. — June 27, 9 A.M.
Dorchester High. — June 27, 3 P.M.

On motion of Mr. Moran, the Board adjourned at fifteen minutes after nine o'clock.

Attest:

GEO. A. SMITH,
Secretary.

In School Committee, June 18, 1879.

An adjourned meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock; the Vice-President in the chair.

Present: All the members except His Honor the Mayor, and Messrs. Cutter, Fox, Hayes, and Ryan.

On motion of Mr. Hobbs, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following nominations: — Reports of Com. on Nominations.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Comins District. — Sabina Eagan, fourth assistant. Confirmation of teachers.

Dwight District. — Laura Frost, third assistant.

Winthrop District. — Catherine K. Marlow, second assistant; Lucy Merrill, third assistant.

Accepted.

FOR TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Lawrence District. — Sarah E. Stumpf, third assistant, from June 16, 1879. Election of teachers.

Rice District. — Jennie I. Kendall, third assistant, from June 7, 1879.

Accepted.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, reported the following resignations: — Resignations of teachers.

Chapman District. — Ada D. Prescott, fourth assistant, to take effect Sept. 1, 1879.

Comins District. — Julia Scribner, first assistant, to take effect Sept. 1, 1879.

Accepted.

Change in boundary lines of Seventh Division Districts.

Mr. Moran, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, submitted an order proposing a change in the boundary lines of the several districts in the Seventh Division.

Read, and referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Change in boundary lines Sherwin District.

Mr. Hyde, for the Committee on the Fifth Division, submitted an order proposing a change in the boundary lines of the Sherwin District.

Read, and referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Reëlection of teachers in Horace Mann School.

Mr. Winship, for the Committee on the Horace Mann School for the Deaf, reported for reëlection the following list of teachers in the Horace Mann School: —

Sarah Fuller,	*Principal.*
Annie E. Bond,	*First Assistant.*
Ella C. Jordan,	*Assistant.*
Kate D. Williams,	"
Mary F. Bigelow,	"
Alice M. Jordan,	"
Mary N. Williams,	"
Manella G. White,	"
Rebecca Morrison,	"

On motion of Mr. W. T. Adams the election of a principal was postponed until the time of election of other principals.

The subordinate teachers of the school were all reelected.

Report of Com. on Sewing.

Mr. Winship, for the Committee on Sewing, to whom was referred an order — May 20 — relative to the qualification of regular teachers to teach sewing, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Teachers to qualify themselves to teach sewing.

Ordered, That the regular teachers of those classes in which sewing is taught be required to prepare themselves to teach sewing — in order to sufficiently assist the special

teachers in that branch of instruction — prior to September, 1880.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Reports of Com. on Rules and Regulations, — amendments proposed, Sect. 246.

Mr. Hobbs, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred — June 4 — an order proposing an amendment to Sect. 246, Art. 4, by substituting "thirty-five" for "thirty" in the third line, reported that the order ought to pass. The section will then read: "Besides the principal each High School shall be allowed one instructor of whatever rank for every thirty-five pupils registered. An additional, etc."

Passed to second reading.

Sect. 120.

Mr. Hobbs, for the same committee, to whom was referred — June 4 — an order proposing an amendment to Sect. 120 of the Regulations, by adding after the word "requested" in the fifth line the words "by the Board," reported that the order ought to pass.

Passed to second reading.

Sect. 80.

Mr. Hobbs, for the same committee, who were requested — June 4 — to present amendments to provide that the school-year shall begin the first of April, and the present school-year be divided into two terms corresponding with the time of the regular promotions, reported the following draft of Sect. 80 of the Rules: —

SECT. 80. — The school-year shall begin on the first day of April, from which the term of service of all re-elected instructors shall date; that of all others dating from the time when they enter upon their duties. The school-year shall be divided into two terms, — the first term beginning on the first Monday in September, and the second on the first Monday in February.

Passed to second reading.

Doc. 15.

Mr. Hobbs, for the same committee, to whom were referred the various orders appended to Doc. 15, reported

that the committee have deemed it advisable to somewhat modify the amendments as proposed, and they submit the following orders: —

Sect. 292.

Ordered, On page 6 (Doc. 15), Sect. 292, strike out from the word "also," near the middle, to the word "teaching," inclusive, and for the words "possess equal fitness," substitute "are qualified."

Ordered, On p. 7, to fill the blank with "five hundred."

Ordered, On page 7, in Sect. 000, substitute "shall" for "may," and in the third line, after "for," put "not less than three months of each school year," striking out all after "for." Strike out "also" in the next line.

Sect. 293.

Ordered, On page 8, Sect. 293, amend the section by adding the following: "And when examinations in this school shall be conducted in writing upon questions or topics, the master thereof shall be consulted in their preparation and selection."

Sects. 300, 301, 302.

Ordered, That the three sections now marked blank be numbered respectively, 300, 301, and 302; and the following sections be changed to correspond.

Passed to second reading.

Petition from residents of Egleston Sq. — erection of Grammar School building.

The Chair read a petition from N. S. Wakefield, and 70 other residents of Egleston square, praying that a Grammar school-house be erected in that vicinity.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Petition from Mrs. Quincy A. Shaw. — Charity Kindergarten.

The Chair read a petition from Mrs. Quincy A. Shaw, praying that the School Board grant her the use of a vacant room in the building on Smith street, Chardon street, and in the Cushman School, for the establishment of charity Kindergartens, the same to be without expense to the city, with the exception of the heating and care by the regular janitors.

On motion of Mr. Chapin, the building on Grant place was substituted for the one on Chardon street.

On motion of Mr. Chapin, the petition, as amended, was granted.

Mr. Winship, for the Committee on Sewing, reported for reëlection the following list of sewing-teachers: — Reëlection of Sewing Teachers.

Lizzie Robbins, Lizzie Kenna, Sarah A. Stall, Eliza A. Baxter, Catherine E. Bigelow, Delia Mansfield, Catherine G. Hosmer, Emma C. Waterhouse, Susan Cousens, Martha A. Sargent, M. A. Willis, Catherine C. Nelson, Elizabeth D. Cutter, E. A. Boyd, Mary E. Patterson, Kate Doherty, Anna J. Goodwin, Nellie J. Lincoln, Malvina L. Sears, Annie E. Brazer, Frances C. Close, Julia Z. Ridgeway, Julia A. Skilton, Maria L. Young, Eliza M. Cleary, Frances E. Stephens, Isabella Cumming, Sarah E. Hamlin.

Accepted, and the teachers were reëlected.

On motion of Mr. Flint, the Sixth Report of the Committee on Revision (Doc. 13) was taken from the table. Doc. 13.

The first order under "High Schools," as follows, was considered: —

1. *Ordered*, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations be requested to report amendments to the Regulations, to provide that the course of instruction in the Public Latin School shall be six years, and that candidates for admission shall be at least twelve years of age.

On motion of Mr. Flint, the vote on the amendment to the above order, offered by him, June 4 [see page 120, Minutes], was reconsidered.

Mr. Flint moved to amend the order by striking out the words "be at least twelve years of age," and substituting, "pass an examination equivalent to that for admission to the third class of the Grammar School," the same being in accordance with Sect. 279 of the Regulations of the Girls' Latin School.

Passed by a vote of 14 to 4.

The order passed as amended.

Reconsideration, consolidation of Prescott School.

On motion of Mr. Hyde, the vote whereby the Committee on the Second Division were instructed to report a plan for consolidating the Prescott School with the others of the Second Division, was reconsidered by a vote of 14 to 1.

The report of the Committee on the Second Division, on the subject (see page 133, minutes) being before the Board, the Superintendent, at the request of Mr. Chapin, expressed his views concerning the matter.

(Mr. Moran in the Chair.) After considerable discussion, the report of the Committee on the Second Division was recommitted to that committee, with the instructions to report a plan for consolidation of the Charlestown Schools, — by a vote of 10 to 9, the Chair throwing the casting vote.

Dr. Blake, for the Committee on Industrial Education, announced a meeting of that committee, to be held in the Committee Chamber, at 4.30 o'clock, on Thursday, June 19, and invited the members of the Board to be present.

Docs. 10 and 14.

On motion of Mr. Finney, the reports on revision of Primary Schools (Docs. 10 and 14) were taken from the table.

Mr. Finney moved the adoption of the first order (Doc. 10) as follows, as amended April 22 — (See page 73, Minutes) : —

1. *Ordered*, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations be instructed to report amendments to the Regulations so as to provide that after the beginning of the next school-year the Primary Schools be organized independent of the supervision of the principals of the districts, as regards instruction.

At the request of Mr. Finney, the Superintendent expressed his opinions on the subject.

On motion of Dr. Moran, the yeas and nays were ordered on the passage of the order. After considerable discussion, Mr. Moran called for the previous question. Yeas and nays.

Passed.

The order, as amended April 22, passed by the following vote: —

Yeas. — Messrs. B. Adams, W. T. Adams, Blake, Bowditch, Brewer, Collar, Fletcher, Moran, Perkins, Porter. —10.

Nays. — Miss Peabody, Messrs Fallon, Flint, Hobbs, Hyde, Plummer, Reed, Winship. — 8.

Mr. Collar offered the following as a substitute for the second and third orders: —

Ordered, That from the beginning of the next school-year, in September, until the first of April, 1880, the entire supervision of instruction in Primary Schools be committed to three members of the Board of Supervisors, to be designated by the Superintendent. Mr. Reed moved that the second and third orders be laid on the table.

Lost.

Mr. Collar's amendment passed by a vote of 10 to 6.

The order, as amended, passed.

Mr. Porter, for the Committee on Evening Schools, offered the following: —

In accordance with the requirements of Sect. 349 of the Regulations, the Committee on Evening Schools report for approval the following list of buildings as needed for the use of Evening Schools: — Buildings made for use of Evening Schools.

First Division, Lyman School Building; Second Division, Warren School Building; Third Division, Cushman and Wells School Buildings; Fourth Division, Brimmer School Building; Fifth Division, Dwight School Building; Sixth Division, Bigelow School Building; Seventh Division, Dudley School Building; Eighth Division, Central

School Building, and Wilson's Hotel; Ninth Division, Mather School Building.

Approved.

Mr. Porter, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Introduction of gas, etc., in buildings used for Evening Schools.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to introduce gas into the following buildings, and make such changes in the seats as may be needed, before September next, the same having been approved by the School Board as needed for the use of Evening Schools: —

Lyman School Building, East Boston; Warren School Building, Charlestown; Cushman School Building, Parmenter street; Brimmer School Building, Common street; Wells School Building, Blossom street; Dwight School Building, W. Springfield street; Bigelow School Building, South Boston; Dudley School Building, Dudley street; Central School Building, Jamaica Plain; Wilson's Hotel, Brighton; Mather School Building, Dorchester.

Passed.

Special asssignment.

On motion of Mr. W. T. Adams, the consideration of the Report of the Committee on Salaries (Doc. 16) was specially assigned for consideration to 8.30 o'clock at the next meeting of the Board.

On motion of Mr. Fallon, the Board adjourned at five minutes after eleven o'clock.

Attest:

GEO. A. SMITH,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, June 24, 1879.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock; the Vice-President in the chair.

Present: All the members except His Honor the Mayor, and Messrs. Cutter and Flint.

On motion of Mr. Moran, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following nominations: — Reports of Committee on Nominations.

FOR TEMPORARY TEACHER.

Central District. — Mary E. Driscoll, fourth assistant, from June 8, 1879. Temporary teacher.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Rice District. — Joseph L. Caverly, second sub-master, from Sept. 1, 1879. Election of teachers.

Accepted.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, reported the resignation of Frances I. Dayley, fourth assistant in the Lyman District, to take effect Sept. 1, 1879. Resignation of Frances I. Dayley.

Accepted.

The Chair presented the annual report of the Board of Supervisors, which, on motion of Mr. Wm. T. Adams, was accepted and ordered to be printed (Doc. 19, 1879). Report of Board of Supervisors. [Doc. 19.]

Mr. Hobbs, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, who were instructed — June 18 — to report amend- Reports of Committee on Rules and Regulations.

ments to the Regulations to provide that the course of instruction in the Public Latin School shall be six years, and that candidates for admission shall pass an examination equivalent to that for admission to the third class of the Grammar Schools, reported that they have attended to that duty, and present an order in which the required amendments are included: —

Rules amended. *Ordered*, That the Regulations be amended as follows: strike out all after "High Schools" in the last line but three of Section 185.

Sect. 266. SECT 266. Substitute "eight" for "six" in the first, and also in the second line; and strike out all after "years" in the third line.

Sect. 267. SECT. 267. After "admission," in the fifth line, strike out "must be at least nine years of age; and they;" and for the words "a satisfactory examination," in the last line but one, substitute "an examination equivalent to that required for admission to the third class of the Grammar Schools."

Sect. 268-269. Strike out Section 268, and change 268 to 269 in the next section.

Passed to second reading.

Mr. Hobbs, for the same committee, who were requested — June 4 — to report amendments to the Regulations relating to special instructors of French and German in High Schools, reported that they have complied with the instructions of the Board, and submit a new draft of Section 256, which contains the provisions of the order and the amendment thereto, as adopted: —

Ordered, That the Regulations be amended by the substitution of a new section for Section 256, as follows: —

Sect. 256. SECT. 256. The instruction required in modern languages shall be given by the regular teachers. The in-

struction of special teachers of French and German shall be limited to one hour a week for each division of not less than twenty requiring their services.

On motion of Mr. Hobbs, laid on the table.

Mr. Hobbs, for the same committee, who were instructed — June 18 — to report amendments to the Regulations so as to provide that after the beginning of the next school year the Primary Schools be organized independent of the supervision of the principals of the districts, as regards instruction, reported that they have attended to this duty, and submit the necessary amendments to carry out the instructions of the Board.

At the time the order adopted was submitted to the Board the proposition to change the beginning of the school year from the first of September to the first of April had not been presented. As it was evidently the intention of the Board that the legislation covered by the order should go into operation at the beginning of the old school year, the committee offer an order to this effect: —

Ordered, That the Rules and Regulations be amended as follows: —

SECT. 68. Strike out, in the seventh line, the words "of the district," and insert in place thereof "in regard to teachers of the High and Grammar Schools, and with the Supervisors in charge in regard to teachers of the Primary Schools." Sect. 68.

SECT. 84. After the word "principal," in the fourth line, insert "if the instructors be employed in a High or Grammar School, or with the Supervisors in charge if in a Primary School." Sect. 84.

SECT. 161. Substitute the following for the entire section: — Sect. 161.

SECT. 161. The principals of the Grammar Schools shall have the special charge of the graduating classes,

giving an average of at least ten hours a week to their instruction; and in mixed schools this instruction shall be given to the boys and girls at the same time. They shall devote the rest of the time to the general duties of their office, and to the instruction and supervision of the lower classes in such manner as shall secure the best interests of all. They shall examine such classes at least once in each term. They shall exercise a general supervision over the Primary Schools of their respective districts except as regards instruction.

Sect. 187. SECT. 187. Insert after the word "principal," in the third line, "in the High and Grammar Schools, and by the Supervisors in charge in Primary Schools."

Change the number of Section 210 to 209, and insert a new section, as follows: —

Sect. 210. SECT. 210. The Supervisors in charge of the Primary Schools shall have the right to instruct the teachers; to meet them in their school-rooms or to call them elsewhere; and to direct them as to methods and principles upon which they labor. They shall be consulted with regard to appointments, and authorized to propose the transfer or removal of teachers. They shall be empowered, in coöperation with the principal of the Normal School, to call in the aid of pupils from that school, or elsewhere, to serve as assistant teachers, or as paid substitutes. Promotions shall be made in accordance with their suggestions, under the control of the Division Committees.

Sect. 213. SECT. 213. In the fifth line, for "principal of the district," substitute "Supervisors in charge."

Sect. 214. SECT. 214. For "principal" in the fifth line, and also in the last line, substitute "Supervisors in charge."

Sect. 216. SECT. 216. For "principal," at the end of the section, substitute "Supervisors in charge."

Sect. 228. Transfer Section 228 from Chapter XVI. to the end of

Chapter XV., substituting for "each principal," in the second line, "the Supervisors in charge," and numbering it 220; also numbering the sections in Chapter XVI. in order.

SECT. 237 .Strike out "Primary and" in the third line.

Sect. 237. Amendments to take effect Sept. 1, 1879.

Ordered, That the changes proposed in the preceding amendments take effect from the 1st of September, 1879.

Passed to second reading.

Truant Officers, further time granted.

Mr. Fletcher, for the Committee on Truant Officers, requested further time in which to nominate for election the truant officers for the ensuing year.

Granted.

Letter of thanks from Mrs. Quincy A. Shaw.

The Chair read a letter of thanks from Mrs. Quincy A. Shaw for the use of various vacant school-rooms for charity Kindergartens.

On motion of Mr. Chapin, placed on file.

Petitioners against consolidating Charlestown Schools.

The Chair read a petition signed by James F. Ginn and 39 others, praying that no consolidation of the Charlestown schools be allowed.

Mr. Chapin presented petitions to the same effect, signed by K. M. Gilmore and 70 others; Geo. R. Hodgdon and 84 others; Benj. Brintnall and 136 others; W. O. Holman and 64 others; E. C. Marshall, and 141 others.

Mr. Chapin moved that the petitions be referred to a special committee.

Mr. B. Adams moved that they be laid on the table.

Mr. Hayes moved that they be referred to a Joint Committee on the Second Division and Revision.

Passed.

Mr. Winship, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, offered the following: —

Yard-room to Auburn Primary School.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to provide more yard-room for the Auburn Primary School in the Allston District by removing the old building in the rear of the school-house.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Collar offered the following: —

Extended vacation for High Schools.

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations be instructed to report amendments to the rules fixing the date of the opening of the High Schools on the second Monday of September.

Lost, by a vote of 4 to 14.

Report of Com. on High Schools. Transportation of pupils in High Schools.

Miss Peabody, for the Committee on High Schools to whom was referred — June 4 — an order requesting amendments by which pupils may be transported to High Schools from districts in which not more than seventy-five pupils of such schools reside, reported that they have considered the matter thoroughly, and are unanimously of opinion that the order ought not to pass.

Accepted.

Report of Com. on Drawing and Music. Discontinuance of Dorchester Evening Drawing School.

Mr. Perkins, for the Committee on Drawing and Music, who were instructed to consider the advisability of reducing the number of Free Evening Drawing Schools, reported recommending the discontinuance of the Dorchester Free Evening Drawing School.

Accepted.

Reëlection of Special Instructors in Drawing and Music.

Mr. Perkins, for the Committee on Drawing and Music, reported for reëlection the following list of

DRAWING INSTRUCTORS.

Walter Smith, *Director.*
Henry Hitchings, *Special Instructor.*
Mercy A. Bailey, " "

MUSIC INSTRUCTORS.

Julius Eichberg, *Director.*
Joseph B. Sharland, *Special Instructor.*
Henry E. Holt, " "
J. M. Mason, " "

On motion of Mr. W. T. Adams, the election of the two directors was deferred until the annual election of principals.

Mr. Chapin moved to amend the report by increasing the number of instructors to three, and dispensing with the services of the Director of Drawing.

Mr. Hayes moved to lay the report on the table.

Lost.

Mr. Fallon moved the previous question.

Passed.

Mr. Chapin's motion was lost.

The special instructors in Drawing and Music were reëlected.

Report of Com. on High Schools. Branch High School in South Boston.

Mr. Bowditch, for the Committee on High Schools, to whom was referred — Sept. 24, 1878 — an order to consider the expediency of establishing a branch High School in South Boston, reported that they deem such action inexpedient at the present time.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Hobbs, the Report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations, concerning instruction in French and German in High Schools, was taken from the table and passed to a second reading.

Mr. Hayes, for the Committee on the Fourth Division, offered the following: —

New flooring Brimmer School Building.

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses request the City Council to put new flooring into the Brimmer School Building, and to remove the hooks for clothing from the corridors.

Passed.

On motion of Mr. Hobbs, for the Committee on the Annual Festival, it was

Graduates of High and Normal Schools

Ordered, That the graduates of the several High Schools, and of the Normal School, be excused from par-

excused from participating in Annual Festival.

ticipating in the Annual School Festival, but that they be furnished with tickets to attend the same.

Election of Evening Drawing School Instructors.

Mr. Perkins, for the Committee on Drawing and Music, nominated the following drawing instructors for election in the Free Evening Drawing Schools: —

Geo. H. Bartlett, principal for all of the Free Evening Drawing Schools.

Geo. H. Young, head assistant, and Geo. Jepson, assistant, in Tennyson-street School.

A. J. Anthony and Leslie Miller, assistants in Appleton-street School.

The several instructors were elected.

Special assignment, Reports of Com. on Salaries.

On motion of Mr. Moran, the majority and minority reports of the Committee on Salaries (Doc. 16), specially assigned to 8.30 o'clock, were then considered.

Mr. Hayes moved to substitute the minority for the majority report.

Yeas and nays.

After discussion, Mr. Moran called for the yeas and nays on the passage of the motion.

Passed.

Mr. B. Adams moved the previous question.

Passed.

The motion to substitute the minority report for the majority report passed by the following vote: —

Yeas: — Miss Peabody, Messrs. W. T. Adams, Blake, Bowditch, Brewer, Collar, Fallon, Fletcher, Fox, Hayes, Hobbs, Hyde, Perkins, Reed, Ryan, Winship. — 16.

Nays: — Messrs. B. Adams, Chapin, Moran, Porter, Plummer. — 5.

Passage of minority report.

The three orders, as follows, appended to the minority report, were then considered: —

No. 1. *Ordered*, That the salary of the principal of the Horace Mann School for the Deaf be at the rate of one thousand eight hundred dollars per annum for the seven months from Sept. 1, 1879, to April 1, 1880.

Passed.

No. 2. *Ordered*, That the salaries of the instructors of the Evening Schools be as follows, for the seven months from Sept. 1, 1879, to April 1, 1880: Principal of the Evening High School, $50 per week; Assistants of the Evening High School, $25 per week; Principals of Evening Elementary Schools, $20 per week; Assistants of Evening Elementary Schools, $10 per week.

Passed.

No. 3. *Ordered*, That the salaries of all regular and special instructors not mentioned in Orders No. 1 and No. 2 of the Minority Report (except instructors of modern languages) be established for the seven months from Sept. 1, 1879, to April 1, 1880, at the same rates as for the school year 1878–79.

Passed.

The Chair read the following communication: —

Resignation of Mr. George A. Smith, Secretary.

HON. F. O. PRINCE, *President School Committee:*

DEAR SIR: — I herewith tender my resignation as Secretary and Auditing Clerk of the School Committee, to take effect July 1st.

In retiring from my official duties, and the associations of so many years, I beg to express my grateful acknowledgments of the kindness and consideration shown me by the present and past members of the School Committee.

Very respectfully,

GEORGE A. SMITH.

Accepted.

Mr. Reed offered the following: —

Amendment proposed, Sect. 30.

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations be requested to consider the expediency of a change in Sect. 30, viz.: all after the word "present," in the third line, be erased, and the following inserted: —

"Or if a member not voting with the minority shall give notice to the Secretary of the Board, within one week after adjournment of such meeting, of his intention so to do, he may move a reconsideration at the next regular meeting of the Board. Only one motion for the purpose shall be in order."

Passed.

On motion of Mr. Moran, it was

Adjournment.

Ordered, That when this Board adjourn, it be to meet on Tuesday, July 1st, at 7.30 o'clock.

Mr. Wm. T. Adams offered the following: —

Verbal and other amendments to Rules and Regulations.

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations be instructed to report, at the first meeting of the Board in September next, such verbal or other amendments as in their judgment are necessary, before a revised edition of the Rules and Regulations is printed.

Passed.

On motion of Mr. Wm. T. Adams, it was

Doc. 17 to be printed.

Ordered, That the additional list of candidates eligible as teachers in the public schools, June, 1879, be printed as Doc. 17, 1879.

Mr. Wm. T. Adams offered the following: —

Change in Text-book. "Irving's Sketch Book."

Ordeerd, That the vote of the School Board, May 26, whereby "Six Selections from Irving's Sketch Book" was substituted for "Irving's Sketch Book," be reconsidered, and that the following order be substituted: —

Ordered, That Irving's "Sketch Book," or "Six Selections from Irving's Sketch Book," by Homer B. Sprague, be adopted for the use of High Schools.

Passed.

Second reading of amendments.

On motion of Mr. B. Adams, the several orders reported by the Committee on Rules and Regulations, appended to Doc. 15 [see pages 137–38, Minutes], came up for their second reading and passed.

On motion of Mr. Hobbs, the several orders recommending amendments to the Regulations, as reported June 18, came up for their second reading.

The orders proposing amendments to Section 246, Art. 4, Section 20 and Section 80 [see page 137, Minutes], were read and passed.

On motion of Mr. Collar, the report of the Joint Committee of the Normal and Revision Committees (Doc. 14) was taken from the table. Doc. 14 considered.

On motion of Mr. Collar, the first order, as follows, was indefinitely postponed: —

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations be requested to report amendments providing for the appointment of a Director of Primary Instruction, and defining his duties in accordance with the recommendations of the foregoing report.

The second order was then considered, as follows: —

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations be instructed to report amendments requiring the principals of the Grammar Schools to give instruction at least fifteen hours a week in the graduating classes of Grammar Schools. Prin. of Grammar Schools to give instruction of 15 hours each week.

On motion of Mr. Collar, the motion was amended by striking out the words "graduating classes of."

The order passed as amended.

Mr. W. T. Adams moved that the Board proceed to ballot for a Secretary and an Auditing Clerk, and nominated Mr. Arthur Drew for Secretary, and Mr. Wm. J. Porter for Auditing Clerk. Secretary and Auditing Clerk nominated.

After considerable discussion Mr. Hayes moved to lay the subject on the table.

Withdrawn.

Mr. Hayes nominated Mr. Geo. A. Smith to serve as Secretary *pro tem.* Election of Secretary *pro tem.*

The nomination was confirmed.

On motion of Mr. Reed, the Board adjourned at fifteen minutes after eleven o'clock.

Attest:

GEO. A. SMITH,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, July 1, 1879.

An adjourned meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock; the President in the chair.

Present: All the members except Messrs. Cutter and Hyde.

On motion of Mr. Reed, it was

Ordered, That Mr. Smith be requested to continue in attending to the duties of Secretary of this Board until his successor is chosen. George A. Smith continued as Secretary.

On motion of Mr. Reed, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on Nominations, presented the resignation of Emma F. Thomas, third assistant in the Harvard District, to take effect Sept. 1, 1879. Resignation of a teacher.

Accepted.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, reported the following nominations: — Reports of Committee on Nominations.

FOR TEMPORARY TEACHER.

Prescott District. — Lydia E. Hapenny, fourth assistant, from June 2, 1879. Temporary teachers.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Comins District. — Emily F. Carpenter, first assistant, from Sept. 4, 1879. Nomination of teachers.

Harvard District. — Callie E. Garey, third assistant, second year, from Sept. 1, 1879.

Wells District. — Alicia B. Collison, fourth assistant, from Sept. 1, 1879.

Accepted.

Re-nominations on probation.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, reported the following re-nominations, on probation, to date from Sept. 1, 1879.

Girls' High School. — Charlotte M. Gardner, fourth assistant.

Adams District. — Joel C. Bolan, second assistant.

Allston District. — Anna M. Farrington and Helen L. Brown, fourth assistants.

Bennett District. — Jeanie Bates, third assistant.

Chapman District. — Charlotte A. Pike, fourth assisttant.

Charles Sumner District. — Elvira L. Austin, third assistant.

Comins District. — Myron T. Pritchard, sub-master.

Dearborn District. — M. Agnes Murphy, fourth assistant.

Gibson District. — Mary E. Mann, fourth assistant.

Lewis District. — Althea W. Barry, third assistant.

Quincy District. — Kate T. Murtagh, third assistant.

Rice District. — Joseph L. Caverly, second sub-master.

Accepted.

Reëlection of subordinate teachers.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, submitted in print a report nominating for reëlection the subordinate instructors of the Normal School, the several High Schools, and the Grammar School Districts, excepting those of the Prescott District, which are still in the hands of the Committee on the Second Division. The candidates to be nominated as instructors until April 1, 1880.

The report was accepted, and the instructors were reëlected to serve until April 1, 1880.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, submitted in print a report nominating for reëlection the principals of the several High Schools and Grammar Schools. Reëlection of principals.

On motion of Mr. Finney, the doors were closed, and the Board proceeded to ballot.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Finney, Winship, and Hobbs, a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

The committee, having attended to their duties, reported as follows: —

Whole number of votes, 21; necessary for a choice, 13.

Normal School	Larkin Dunton, Head Master	had 21
Rice Training School	Lucius A. Wheelock, Master	" 21
Public Latin "	Moses Merrill, Head Master	" 21
Girls' Latin "	John Tetlow, Master	" 20
English High "	Edwin P. Seaver, Head Master	" 21
Girls' " "	Homer B. Sprague, Head Master	" 19
Roxbury " "	S. M. Weston, Head Master	" 21
Dorchester " "	Elbridge Smith, Master	" 21
Charlestown High School	Caleb Emery, Head Master	" 21
Brighton " School	Benjamin Wormelle, Master	" 21

First Division.

Adams School	Frank F. Preble, Master	had 21
Chapman "	George R. Marble, Master	" 19
Emerson "	James F. Blackington, Master	" 21
Lyman "	Hosea H. Lincoln, Master	" 17

Second Division.

Bunker Hill School	Samuel J. Bulluck, Master	had 21
Frothingham "	Caleb Murdock, Master	" 21
Harvard "	W. E. Eaton, Master	" 21
Warren "	George Swan, Master	" 21

Third Division.

Bowdoin School	Daniel C. Brown, Master	had 21
Eliot "	Samuel Harrington, Master	" 21

Hancock School	James W. Webster, Master	had	16
Phillips "	Samuel Swan, Master	"	21
Wells "	Robert C. Metcalf, Master	"	21

Fourth Division.

Bowditch School	George W. Neal, Master	had	21
Brimmer "	E. Bentley Young, Master	"	21
Quincy "	E. Frank Wood, Master	"	20
Winthrop "	Robert Swan, Master	"	21

Fifth Division.

Dwight School	James A. Page, Master	had	20
Everett "	Alfred Hewins, Master	"	21
Franklin "	Granville B. Putnam, Master	"	19
Sherwin "	Silas C. Stone, Master	"	19

Sixth Division.

Andrew School	Leander Waterman, Master	had	21
Bigelow "	Thomas H. Barnes, Master	"	21
Gaston "	C. Goodwin Clark, Master	"	20
Lawrence "	Amos M. Leonard, Master	"	19
Lincoln "	Alonzo G. Ham, Master	"	20
Norcross "	Josiah A. Stearns, Master	"	21
Shurtleff "	Henry C. Hardon, Master	"	21

Seventh Division.

Comins School	Charles W. Hill, Master	had	21
Dearborn "	William H. Long, Master	"	21
Dillaway "	Sarah J. Baker, Master	"	21
Dudley "	Leverett M. Chase, Master	"	21
Lewis "	William L. P. Boardman, Master	"	21
Lowell "	Daniel W. Jones, Master	"	21

Eighth Division.

Allston School	G. W. M. Hall, Master	had	21
Bennett "	E. H. Hammond, Master	"	21
Central "	John T. Gibson, Master	"	21
Charles Sumner School	Artemas Wiswall, Sub-Master	"	21
Hillside School	Albert F. Ring, Master	"	20
Mount Vernon School	Abner J. Nutter, Second Sub-Master,	"	21

Ninth Division.

Everett (Dor.) School	Henry B. Miner, Master	had 21
Gibson School	William E. Endicott, Sub-Master	" 21
Harris "	Edwin T. Horne, Sub-Master	" 21
Mather "	Edward Southworth, Master	" 21
Minot "	Joseph T. Ward, Jr., Sub-Master	" 20
Stoughton "	Edward M. Lancaster, Sub-Master	" 21
Tileston "	Hiram M. George, First Assistant	" 20

The principals, as reported, were accordingly declared reëlected.

On motion of Mr. Perkins, the Board proceeded to ballot for a Director of Drawing. Reëlection of Director of Drawing.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Perkins, Moran, and Fox a committee to collect, sort, and count the votes.

The committee, having attended to that duty, reported as follows: —

Whole number of votes, 21.

Necessary for a choice, 13.

Blank, 2; Lucas Baker had 3; Walter Smith, 16, and was accordingly declared reëlected.

On motion of Mr. Perkins, the Board proceeded to ballot for a Director of Music. Reëlection of Director of Music.

The Chair appointed the same committee to collect, sort, and count the votes.

The committee, having attended to that duty, reported as follows: —

Whole number of votes, 22.

Necessary for a choice, 13.

Julius Eichberg had 22, and was accordingly declared reëlected.

On motion of Mr. Collar, the doors were opened.

On motion of Mr. Moran, the action of the Board — March 25 — whereby the number of special instructors in Drawing was limited to two, was reconsidered. Reconsideration; number of special instructors in Drawing.

Mr. Moran moved to amend so as to provide for the election of three Special Instructors in Drawing.

Mr. W. T. Adams moved that the yeas and nays be taken on the passage of the order.

Passed.

The order passed by the following vote : —

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: — The Mayor, Miss Peabody, Messrs. Blake, Bowditch, Brewer, Chapin, Collar, Finney, Fletcher, Fox, Hayes, Hobbs, Moran, Perkins, Porter, Plummer, Reed, Ryan, and Winship. — 19.

Nays: — Messrs. B. Adams, W. T. Adams, and Fallon. — 3.

Nomination of Lucas Baker.

Mr. Perkins, for the Committee on Drawing, nominated Lucas Baker as the third Special Instructor in Drawing.

The nomination was confirmed and Mr. Baker reëlected.

Reëlection of teachers of Licensed Minors' Schools.

Mr. Porter, for the Committee on Schools for Licensed Minors, reported for reëlection the following-named teachers : —

Sarah A. Brackett, N. Margin street; M. Persis Taylor, East-street place.

Accepted, and the teachers were reëlected.

Reëlection of principal of Horace Mann School.

On motion of Mr. Winship, the Board proceeded to ballot for a principal for the Horace Mann School.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Winship, Fallon, and Plummer a committee to collect, sort, and count the votes.

The committee, having attended to that duty, reported as follows : —

Whole number of votes, 21.

Necessary for a choice, 13.

Sarah Fuller had 21, and was accordingly declared reëlected.

Reports of Committee on School Houses; alterations Brimmer School building.

Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on School Houses, to whom was referred — June 24 — an order that the City Council be requested to put new flooring into the Brimmer

School building, and to remove the hooks from the corridors, reported that so much of the order as relates to the flooring of the building ought to pass; and that so much of the order as relates to the removal of the hooks from the corridors ought to pass, on condition that the clothing of the pupils can be provided for without being placed in the several school-rooms. The committee therefore recommend the passage of the following order: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to put new flooring into the Brimmer School building, and to remove the hooks from the corridors, on condition that provision be made for the clothing of the pupils outside of the school-rooms.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Boundary lines in Seventh Division.

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee to whom was referred — June 18 — an order relating to the boundary lines in the Seventh Division, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That the boundary lines of the respective districts in the Seventh Division be fixed as follows: —

Comins District, for Boys.

Comins District, for boys.

Beginning on Tremont street at Tremont place; thence by the southerly side of Tremont place to the Boston and Providence railroad; thence by said railroad to Ruggles street; thence through the centre of Ruggles street and across the marsh in a straight line to the Brookline line; thence along said line to Heath street; thence by the northerly side of Heath and new Heath streets to Pynchon street; thence along the westerly side of Pynchon to Cedar street; thence through the centre of Pynchon to Tremont street; thence through the centre of Tremont street to the point of beginning.

Comins District, for Girls.

Comins District, for girls.

Beginning at the intersection of Tremont and Ruggles streets; thence through the centre of Ruggles street and across the marsh in a straight line to the Brookline line; thence along said line to Heath street; thence along the northerly side of Heath and new Heath streets to Pynchon street; thence along the westerly side of Pynchon to Cedar street; thence through the centre of Cedar to Centre street; thence by the north-westerly side of Centre to Roxbury street; thence across Roxbury to Dunlow street and by the centre of Dunlow street over the ledge to Elmwood street; thence through the centre of Elmwood street to Stony brook; thence along Stony brook to Culvert street; thence through the centre of Culvert to Tremont street; thence through the centre of Tremont street to the point of beginning.

Dearborn District, for Boys and Girls.

Dearborn District, for boys and girls.

Beginning at the junction of Warren street and Harrison avenue; thence through the centre of Harrison avenue to the old boundary line between Boston and Roxbury; thence along said line and the South bay to the old boundary line between Roxbury and Dorchester; thence along said line to Dudley street; thence through the centre of Dudley street to Mt. Pleasant avenue; thence through the centre of said avenue to Fairland street; thence through the centre of Fairland to Winthrop street; thence along the north-easterly side of Winthrop to Warren street; thence through the centre of Warren street to the point of beginning.

Dillaway School, for Girls.

Dillaway School, for girls.

Beginning at the junction of Washington and Ruggles streets; thence through the centre of Ruggles to Tremont

street; thence through the centre of Tremont to Culvert street; thence through the centre of Culvert street to Stony brook; thence along Stony brook to Elmwood street; thence through the centre of Elmwood to Dunlow street; thence through the centre of Dunlow to Roxbury street; thence across Roxbury to Centre, and by the north-westerly side of Centre to Cedar street; thence by the centre of Centre to Marcella street; thence by the north-easterly side of Marcella, excluding Vale street, to Washington street; thence by the centre of Washington to Cedar street; thence by a straight line to the junction of Circuit and Regent streets; thence by the south-easterly side of Regent to Warren street; thence by the centre of Warren street to Harrison avenue; thence by the centre of Harrison avenue to the old Roxbury line; thence by said line to Washington street; thence through the centre of Washington street to the point of beginning.

Dudley District, for Boys.

Dudley District, for boys.

Beginning at the junction of Washington and Ruggles street; thence by the centre of Ruggles street to the Boston and Providence railroad; thence by said railroad to Tremont place; thence by the southerly side of Tremont place to Tremont street; thence by the centre of Tremont to Pynchon street; thence by the centre of Pynchon to Cedar street; thence by the centre of Cedar to Centre street; thence by the centre of Centre to Marcella street; thence by the north-easterly side of Marcella excluding Vale street to Washington street; thence by the centre of Washington to Cedar street; thence by a straight line to the junction of Circuit and Regent streets; thence by the south-easterly side of Regent to Warren street; thence by the centre of Warren street to Harrison avenue; thence by the centre of Harrison avenue to

the Old Roxbury line; thence by said line to Washington street; thence through the centre of Washington street, to the point of beginning.

Lewis District, for Boys and Girls.

Lewis District, for boys and girls.

Beginning at the junction of Warren and Regent streets; thence by the south-easterly side of Regent to Circuit street; thence by a straight line to the junction of Washington and Cedar streets; thence by the centre of Washington to School street; thence by the centre of School street to Walnut avenue; thence by the centre of Walnut avenue to Seaver street; thence by the centre of Seaver street to Blue Hill avenue; thence by the centre of Blue Hill avenue to Central avenue; thence by the centre of Central avenue to the old boundary line between Roxbury and Dorchester; thence along said boundary line in a northerly direction, to Dudley street; thence through the centre of Dudley street to Mt. Pleasant avenue; thence through the centre of Mt. Pleasant avenue to Fairland street; thence through the centre of Fairland to Winthrop street; thence by the northerly side of Winthrop to Warren street; thence through the centre of Warren street to the point of beginning.

Lowell District, for Boys and Girls.

Lowell District, or boys and girls.

Beginning at the junction of Tremont and Heath streets; thence by the northerly side of Heath to New Heath street; thence by the northerly side of New Heath to Pynchon street; thence by the north-westerly side of Pynchon to Cedar street; thence through the centre of Cedar to Centre street; thence by the centre of Centre to Marcella street; thence by the north-easterly side of Marcella and including Vale street to Washington street.

thence by the centre of Washington to School street; thence by the centre of School to Boylston street; thence by the centre of Boylston to Centre street; thence in a direct line to the Brookline boundary; thence by said boundary to Tremont street; thence by the centre of Tremont street to the point of beginning.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Boundary lines; Sherwin District.

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, to whom was referred — June 18 — an order fixing the boundary lines of the Sherwin District, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That the boundary lines of the Sherwin District be as follows: —

Sherwin District, for Boys and Girls.

Beginning at the intersection of Washington and Ruggles streets; thence through the centre of Ruggles to Parker street; thence across the marsh to Brookline line, on a straight line with Ruggles street; thence on the line between Brookline and Roxbury to the intersection of said line with the original line between Boston and Roxbury; thence by said line between Boston and Roxbury to Washington street; thence through the centre of Washington street to the point of beginning.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Boundary lines; Gibson and Mather Districts.

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, to whom was referred — June 10 — an order fixing the boundary lines of the Gibson and Mather Districts, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That the boundary lines of the Gibson and Mather Districts be amended to read as follows: —

Gibson District for Boys and Girls.

Gibson District. Beginning at the former boundary line between Boston and Dorchester on Quincy street; thence by the south side of Quincy street to Mt. Everett street; thence by the centre of Mt. Everett street to corner of Hamilton avenue; thence across the fields to junction of Green-street place and Olney street; thence by centre of Olney street to Geneva avenue; thence by the centre of Geneva avenue to Bowdoin street; thence by the brook in a south-easterly direction to a point west of the end of Charles street; thence to the Shawmut railroad; thence by the railroad to Ashmont street; thence by the centre of Ashmont to Washington street; thence by the centre of Washington (southerly direction) to a (new) street; thence by the centre of two (new) streets extending west and north-west to Madison street; thence by the east side of Madison street to the boundary line between Boston and West Roxbury; thence by said line to the junction of Blue Hill avenue and Central avenue; thence by the centre of Central avenue to the former boundary line between Boston and Dorchester; thence by said line to the point of beginning.

Mather District, for Boys and Girls.

Mather District. Beginning at the southern shore of Savin Hill, on the Old Colony & Newport railroad; thence by railroad to Bay street; thence by the north side of Bay street to Dorchester avenue; thence by the centre of Dorchester avenue to Savin Hill avenue; thence by the centre of Savin Hill avenue to Pleasant street; thence by the north side of the new street, or streets, across Jones Hill to Hancock street; thence by the centre of Glendale and Columbia streets to Quincy street; thence by the south side of Quincy street to Mt. Everett street; thence by the

centre of Mt. Everett street, to the corner of Hamilton avenue; thence across the fields to the junction of Green street place and Olney street; thence by the centre of Olney street to Geneva avenue; thence by the centre of Geneva avenue, to Bowdoin street; thence by the brook in a south-easterly direction to a point west of the end of Charles street; thence by the north side of Charles street to Dorchester avenue; thence by the centre of Dorchester avenue to Field's Corner; thence by the centre of Adams to the (new) street next north of the Shawmut railroad; thence by the north side of the (new) street to the Shawmut railroad; thence by the Shawmut and Old Colony and Newport railroads in a northerly direction to the water; thence by the water to the point of beginning.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Boundary lines; High School Districts.

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, to whom was recommitted — June 10 — the order fixing the boundary lines of the High School Districts, reported that the following orders ought to pass: —

Ordered, That the district lines of the English High and Girls' High Schools be confined to the boundary lines of the city proper and of South Boston.

Ordered, That the district lines of the East Boston Branch High School be confined to the boundary lines of East Boston.

Ordered, That the district lines of the outlying High Schools be confined to the boundary lines of the several territories prior to annexation.

Accepted, and the orders passed.

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, recommended the passage of the following orders: —

Alterations; Charlestown.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to make such alterations in the heating apparatus of the Charles-

High and Warren School-houses.

town High and Warren School-houses as will ensure the proper heating of those buildings.

Master's room; Warren School-house.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to change the location of the master's room in the Warren School building.

Passed.

Bunker Hill School-house; suitable wash-room.

Mr. Chapin, for the committee on the Second Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to provide a suitable wash-room for the master and sub-master of the Bunker Hill School.

Passed.

Report of Committee on Truant Officers; reduction of number.

Mr. Fletcher, for the Committee on Truant Officers, who were instructed — March 25 — to consider the expediency of reducing the number of truant officers, reported that, owing to the present extended limits of the city, the reduction of the number by two officers is the extent of the decrease that they deem it advisable to recommend.

Accepted.

Nomination of Truant Officers.

Mr. Fletcher, for the same committee, in accordance with the requirement of Sect. 54 of the Rules, nominated the following list of truant officers to serve for the year commencing Sept. 1, 1879: —

Chase Cole, Chief; C. E. Turner, Geo. M. Felch, Geo. Murphy, James Bragdon, A. M. Leavitt, E. F. Mecuen, James P. Leeds, Chas. S. Woofindale, H. F. Ripley, Warren A. Wright, Dennis Moore, Thomas M. Curtis.

After considerable discussion, Mr. W. T. Adams moved that the report be recommitted to the Committee on Truant Officers, with instructions to report at the first meeting of the Board in September.

Lost.

Mr. Bowditch moved the substitution of the present list for the reported list.

On motion of Mr. Finney, the doors were closed.

Mr. B. Adams moved a division of the question, the first to be considered being the fixing of the number of truant officers at 13.

Mr. Moran moved to add the name of Mr. Swett to the reported list, and to proceed to an election.

Lost.

Mr. B. Adams moved the previous question.

Passed.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the yeas and nays were ordered on the passage of the order.

The order to fix the number of truant officers at 13 passed, by the following vote: —

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: — The Mayor, Messrs. B. Adams, Blake, Fallon, Finney, Fletcher, Hayes, Hobbs, Moran, Porter, Plummer, and Ryan. — 12.

Nays: — Miss Peabody, Messrs. W. T. Adams, Bowditch, Brewer, Chapin, Collar, Flint, Fox, Perkins, Reed, and Winship. — 11.

Mr. Collar moved to substitute the name of Jeremiah M. Swett for that of Thomas M. Curtis.

Mr. Chapin moved to substitute the name of Sumner P. White for that of Dennis Moore.

Mr. B. Adams moved to recommit the list to the Committee on Truant Officers.

Mr. Reed raised the point of order, that the motion to recommit having been previously entertained and lost, it was out of order to again entertain it.

Mr. Finney stated that a part of the report being acted upon, the motion to recommit is a new one.

The Chair decided the motion to be in order.

List of Truant Officers recommitted.

The motion to recommit the list to the Committee on Truant Officers passed, by a vote of 12 to 9.

On motion of Mr. Finney, the doors were opened.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; organization of Primary Schools; rules amended.

On motion of Mr. Finney, the several orders containing amendments, as reported by the Committee on Rules and Regulations — June 24 — came up for their second reading.

The amendments relative to the organization of Primary Schools, independent of the supervision of the principals [see pages 145, 146, 147 of the Minutes, June 24], took their second reading, and passed.

Instruction in French and German in High Schools.

The amendment relative to instruction in French and German, Sect. 256 [see pages 144 and 145, Minutes, June 24], took its second reading.

Mr. Flint moved that the word "fifteen" be substituted for the word "twenty," in the last line of the section.

Opinion of Superintendent.

At the request of Mr. B. Adams, the Superintendent expressed his views on the subject.

Mr. Fox moved the previous question.

Passed.

Mr. Flint's amendment was lost, by a vote of 5 to 10.

Rules amended.

The order amending Sect. 256, as reported [page 144, Minutes, June 24], passed.

Latin School; six years' course; rules amended.

The amendments relative to a six-years' course in the Latin School, Sects. 266, 267, 268 [see page 144, Minutes, June 24], took their second reading, and passed.

Programme of instruction in drawing.

Mr. Perkins, for the Committee on Drawing, presented a programme of Instruction in Drawing in the Public Schools, accompanied by the following order: —

Ordered, That the new Programme of Instruction in Drawing, recommended, and herewith submitted by the Committee on Drawing and Music, be adopted in lieu of that hitherto in use; and that the committee have liberty to print the same, together with the analysis of the said programme, prepared by the Director of Drawing, in place of that printed in School Document No. 21, 1878.

On motion of Mr. Finney, the order was amended so as

to provide that the publishers of the new drawing books shall take back the unused drawing-books and all sets of drawing cards displaced or on hand, at their cost to the city.

The order passed as amended.

Report of Committee on Truant Officers; salaries of officers.

Mr. Fletcher, for the Committee on Truant Officers, in accordance with the requirement of Section 54 of the Rules, reported that the salaries of the truant officers be continued at the present rates for the year commencing Sept. 1, 1879.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; classification of instructors for re-election.

Mr. Hobbs, for the Committee of Rules and Regulations who were instructed — June 4 — to report such amendments to the Rules and Regulations as to provide for the classification of the instructors, so that one third of them shall be elected every year for a term of three years, reported the following orders: —

Ordered, That Sect. 81 be amended to read as follows: "Annually, in the month of March, the Board shall elect instructors in place of those whose term of office will expire at the beginning of the ensuing school year, and shall fix the salaries for such year; and the salaries established at the beginning of a school year shall not be changed during that year. . . . All instructors elected after the year 1880, except those chosen to serve out unexpired terms, shall hold their offices for the term of three years, unless the same are vacated by removal by the Board, or otherwise.

Ordered, That Sect. 55 be amended to read as follows: —

" . . . They shall, in reporting upon nominations of instructors, assign each candidate to one of three classes, dividing those of the several ranks as nearly equally as practicable, each class to be designated and nominated as follows: —

Class A to be nominated for one year, in 1880, and for three years thereafter.

Class B to be nominated for two years, in 1880, and for three years thereafter.

Class C to be nominated in 1880, and thereafter for three years."

Passed to second reading.

Course of instruction in High Schools.

Mr. Hobbs, for the same committee, who were requested — June 4 — to report amendments making the regular course of instruction in High Schools two years, with an advanced course for the English High and Girls' High School, reported the following orders: —

Ordered, That Sect. 253 be amended to read as follows: —

"The course of study shall be for two years, and shall be arranged by the Committee on High Schools, and approved by the Board. An advanced course of two years more for such pupils as have completed the first two years' course shall be open to boys in the English High School, and to girls in the Girls' High School."

Ordered, That Sect. 254 be amended to read as follows: —

"Pupils who have completed the two years' course to the satisfaction of the Committee on Examinations shall be entitled to a diploma; and those who have completed the advanced course, to an additional diploma on the same condition."

Passed to second reading.

Mr. Hobbs, for the same committee, who were requested — June 24 — to amend Section 30, reported the following order: —

Notice of reconsideration.

Ordered, That Sect. 30 be amended by striking out all after the word "present" in the third line, and substituting the following: —

"Or if a member voting with the majority shall give notice to the Secretary of the Board within one week after adjournment of such meeting of his intention so to do, he may move a reconsideration at the next regular meeting of the Board. Only one motion for the purpose shall be in order."

Passed to second reading.

Mr. Finney moved that the rules be suspended, to admit of the second reading of the above amendments.

Rules suspended.

Passed.

Mr. Bowditch moved to amend Sect. 253, by adding the words "and to boys and girls in the Dorchester and Charlestown High Schools."

Advanced course in the Dorchester and Charlestown High Schools.

At the request of Mr. B. Adams, the Superintendent expressed his views on the subject.

Opinion of Superintendent.

Mr. Fallon moved the previous question.

Passed.

Mr. Bowditch's amendment, passed by a vote of 10 to 7.

The several orders reporting amendments took their second reading, and passed (Sect. 253 passing as amended).

Rules amended.

Mr. Finney presented the annual report of the Committee on Supplies, with a request for further time in which to print the same.

Annual report of Committee on Supplies.

Granted.

Mr. Reed offered the following: —

Ordered, That a committee of five be appointed to nominate to this Board, for their consideration, a suitable candidate for Secretary, and also a suitable candidate for Auditing Clerk, with instructions to report at the next meeting.

Committee appointed to nominate candidates for Secretary and Auditing Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Reed, the yeas and nays were ordered on the passage of the order.

The order passed, by the following vote: —

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: — The Mayor, Miss Peabody, Messrs. B. Adams, Bowditch, Chapin, Fallon, Fletcher, Flint, Fox, Hayes, Hobbs, Moran, Reed, Ryan, and Winship. — 15.

Nays: — Messrs. W. T. Adams, Blake, Brewer, Collar, Finney, and Plummer, 6.

Mr. Fallon offered the following: —

Primary accommodations, Gaston District.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to furnish additional Primary-School accommodation in the Gaston District.

Read, and referred to the Committee on School Houses, with full powers.

On motion of Mr. Finney, it was

Prescott District; acting principals and teachers.

Ordered, That the present principal and teachers of the Prescott District be continued as acting principals and teachers until the Board take action with regard to consolidating the Charlestown schools.

Annual report of Committee Accounts.

Mr. Wm. T. Adams presented the annual report of the Committee on Accounts, with a request for further time in which to print the same.

Granted.

Miss Peabody offered the following: —

Salary of Isabella Shove.

Ordered, That Isabella Shove, fourth assistant in the Lowell District, be placed on the maximum salary of her grade, on account of previous acceptable service.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

On motion of Mr. Hobbs, it was

Salary of Lucus Baker.

Ordered, That Lucas Baker, special instructor in Drawing, be continued at the same salary that he has received during the past year.

Petition from E. S. Tobey and others.

Mr. Hobbs presented a petition, signed by E. S. Tobey, and eleven others, praying that the Newbury-street School be named the "Prince School," in honor of the present Mayor of the city.

Referred to the Committee on the Fourth Division.

On motion of Mr. Reed, the order whereby Mr. George A. Smith was requested to continue the duties of Secretary of the Board until his successor be chosen, was amended to include the duties of Auditing Clerk also. Geo. A. Smith continued as Auditing Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Finney, it was

Ordered, That when this Board adjourn, it be to meet on Tuesday, July 8, at 7.30, P.M. Adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Finney, the Board adjourned at half-past eleven o'clock.

Attest:

GEO. A. SMITH,
Secretary pro tem.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, July 8, 1879.

An adjourned meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock; the President in the chair.

Present: All the members except Messrs. B. Adams, Collar, Cutter, Flint, Hyde, Perkins, Porter, and Ryan.

On motion of Mr. Moran, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on Nominations, presented the following resignations: — Reports of Committee on Nominations. Resignations of teachers.

English High School. — C. O. Whitman, junior master, to take effect Sept. 1, 1879.

Central District. — Emily A. Hanna, third assistant, to take effect Sept. 1, 1879.

Accepted.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, reported the following nomination: —

FOR REËLECTION.

Harvard District. — Mary P. Howland, fourth assistant, from Sept. 1, 1879, to April 1, 1880. Reëlection of a teacher.

Accepted, and Miss Howland was reëlected.

Mr. Finney offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Auditor, the City Solicitor, and the Chairman of the Board of Assessors, be invited and requested to act as a Board to investigate the plan for furnishing books and supplies for pupils, teachers, and schools of the city, adopted April 8, 1879, and also the contract of the Committee on Supplies with Geo. A. Board of investigation of plan for supplies.

Smith, as authorized by the School Committee, and report upon the same at their earliest convenience.

Mr. Moran offered the following as a substitute for the order offered by Mr. Finney: —

Committee on Investigation of management of School Board.

Ordered, That a committee of five be appointed, to investigate the clerical work and management of the School Board for such length of past time as they may deem expedient; also the making of the late contract for supplies; and report to this Board.

The order was accepted as a substitute by Mr. Finney, and passed.

Committee on Investigation appointed.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Moran, Fallon, Bowditch, Hayes, and Hobbs, to serve as the investigating committee.

Mr. Moran offered the following: —

Amendments proposed, — Sects. 106 and 107. Duties of Auditing Clerk.

Ordered, That Sect. 106, Chap. X., of the Regulations be amended by striking out the word "or" in the last line, and adding at the end of the section the following: "or the Committee on Supplies;" so that the section, as amended, will read: "He shall prepare . . . authorized by the Board, the Committee on Accounts, or the Committee on Supplies."

Ordered, That Sect. 107 be amended by striking out all the words beginning at "He" in the fourth line, down to and including "and" in the seventh line, and by inserting after the word "Supplies" in the last line the words "or the Supply Agent;" so that the section as amended will read: "He shall have the charge of all property under the control of the Board, not otherwise provided for, and shall see to the proper care and protection of the same. He shall keep a record of all property held by the Committee on Supplies, or the Supply Agent, or in use in the schools."

Read, and referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Fletcher, for the Committee on Truant Officers, to whom was recommitted the report of nominations for truant officers for the ensuing year, presented the list as previously reported with the exception of substituting the name of Warren J. Stokes for that of Thomas M. Curtis.

Report of Com. on Truant Officers.
Nomination of officers.

On motion of Mr. Hayes, the Board went into secret session.

On motion of Mr. Chapin, the report was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Chapin, the vote of July 1st, fixing the number of truant officers at thirteen, was reconsidered.

Mr. Chapin moved that the number of truant officers be fixed at fifteen, as formerly.

Passed.

The report of the Committee for Nomination of Truant Officers was taken from the table, and the names of Jeremiah M. Swett and Sumner P. White were added to the list.

The report was then accepted, and the following truant officers were elected for the year beginning Sept. 1, 1879: —

Election of truant officers.

Chase Cole, Chief; C. E. Turner, Geo. M. Felch, Geo. Murphy, James Bragdon, A. M. Leavitt, E. F. Mecuen, James P. Leeds, Chas. S. Woofindale, H. F. Ripley, Warren A. Wright, Dennis Moore, Warren J. Stokes, Jeremiah M. Swett, and Sumner P. White.

Mr. W. T. Adams offered the following: —

Amendment proposed.

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations be instructed to consider the expediency of so amending the regulations as to provide for abolishing the office of Chief of Truant Officers, and requiring the truant officers to report to the Superintendent of Schools.

Abolishment of Chief of Truant Officers.

Mr. Fallon moved that the order be referred to the Committee on Truant Officers.

Mr. W. T. Adams moved to amend so that the reference be made to the Committee on Truant Officers in conjunction with the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

On motion of Mr. Finney, the doors were opened.

Mr. Hayes moved the previous question.

Passed.

Mr. Adams's amendment was lost, by a vote of 6 to 9.

Mr. Fallon's motion passed, by a vote of 10 to 6.

The order passed as amended.

Report of Committee on nomination of Secretary and Auditing Clerk.

Mr. Reed, for the committee appointed July 1, 1879, to nominate to this Board, for their consideration, a suitable candidate for Auditing Clerk, and also for Secretary, with instructions to report at the next meeting, after duly considering the same, have unanimously agreed to report the following nominations: —

For Auditing Clerk, William J. Porter.

For Secretary, Phineas Bates, Jr.

On motion of Mr. Fallon, the Board proceeded to ballot for the election of an Auditing Clerk.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Fallon, Moran, and Blake, as a committee to collect, sort, and count the votes.

The committee, having attended to that duty, reported as follows: —

Whole number of votes, 17.

Necessary to a choice, 9.

Geo. M. Towle had 1.

Arthur Drew had 2.

Election of Auditing Clerk.

William J. Porter had 14, and was accordingly declared elected as Auditing Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Fallon, the Board proceeded to ballot for the election of a Secretary.

The Chair appointed the same committee to collect, sort, and count the votes.

The committee, having attended to that duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 17.

Necessary to a choice, 9.

Arthur Drew had 1.

Geo. M. Towle had 7.

Phineas Bates, Jr., had 9, and was accordingly declared elected. Election of Secretary.

Mr. Blake, for the Committee on Text-Books, presented a recommendation: That Eichberg's Girls' High School Music Reader be adopted as a text-book. Report of Com. on Text-Books. Eichberg's Girls' High School Music Reader.

Laid on the table.

Mr. Finney offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Secretary and the Auditing Clerk be each empowered to appoint an assistant in his department, and that an additional assistant be appointed as copyist, for service in both departments. Assistants to Secretary and Auditing Clerk.

Passed.

Mr. Finney offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Committee on Salaries be requested to report a list of salaries for the Secretary, Auditing Clerk, and the several assistants. Salaries for Secretary and Auditing Clerk.

Passed.

Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on the Second Division and Revision, to whom was referred — June 18 — the matter of consolidating the schools in the Second Division, reported that it had been impossible to get a quorum of the joint committee, and moved a reconsideration of the vote of June 10, whereby the report of the Committee on the Second Division was recommitted to that committee. Report of Com. on Second Division and Revision on consolidation of schools in Charlestown.

Passed.

On motion of Mr. W. T. Adams, the order for consolidation of the Prescott School with other schools of the Second Division was indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Hayes, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred — May 26 — an order that Louise P. Arnold, third assistant in the Hillside District, be placed upon the Report of Com. on Salaries.

fifth year's salary, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Salary of Louise P. Arnold.

Ordered, That Louise P. Arnold, third assistant in the Hillside District, be placed upon the fourth year's salary, in consideration of previous service, to date from Sept. 1, 1879.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Winship, for the Committee on the Horace Mann School, offered the following: —

Remodelling of Horace Mann School Building.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to remodel the building now occupied by the Horace Mann School, to accommodate the increasing demands of the school.

Read, and referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Bowditch offered the following: —

Transportation of pupils in Charles Sumner School.

Ordered, That the Committee on Supplies be instructed to consider the expediency of providing transportation for pupils of the Washington-street Primary School to the Charles Sumner Grammar School during the whole or a part of the school year.

Passed.

Resignation of Mr. Bowditch from Committee on Investigation.

Mr. Bowditch requested to be excused from serving on the Committee on Investigation.

Appointment of Mr. Winship.

The request was granted, and the Chair appointed Mr. Winship to serve in place of Mr. Bowditch.

Report of Committee on Nomination of subordinate teachers in Prescott District.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on Nominations, reported a list of subordinate teachers for reëlection in the Prescott District.

Accepted, and the several subordinate teachers were reëlected.

On motion of Mr. Plummer, the Board proceeded to ballot for a principal for the Prescott School.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Plummer, Fox, and Fletcher, a committee to collect, sort, and count the votes.

The committee, having attended to that duty, reported as follows: —

Whole number of votes, 16.

Necessary to a choice, 13.

George T. Littlefield had 16, and was accordingly declared elected as Principal of the Prescott School.

Election of Principal of Prescott School.

Mr. Finney presented the following communication: —

Communication from Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

School Committee, Boston: —

GENTLEMEN: I desire to offer the services of myself and one of our officers to the School Committee, to serve in neglected children and absentee cases all over the city, for the next two years, gratis, in order to increase the efficiency of the force and better the condition of many city children. All we ask is authority from your Honorable Body, and that of his Honor the Mayor, so to act.

Respectfully,

JOHN DIXWELL, M.D.
Gen. Agent.

July 1, 1879.

Referred to the Committee on Truant Officers.

On motion of Mr. Hobbs, the Board adjourned at fifteen minutes after nine o'clock.

Attest:

GEO. A. SMITH,
Secretary pro tem.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Sept. 9, 1879.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: All the members, except Messrs. Bowditch, Cutter, Fox, Hyde, and Porter.

On motion of Mr. Brewer, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following nominations: — Reports of Com. on Nominations.

FOR TEMPORARY TEACHER.

West Roxbury High. — Geo. C. Mann, master, from Sept. 1, 1879. Temporary teacher.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Girls' Latin School. — Jessie Girdwood, fourth assistant, from Sept. 10, 1879. Teachers elected.

West Roxbury High School. — Alla G. Foster, fourth assistant.

Harris District. — E. Maria Harriman, second assistant, and Emma F. Simmons, third assistant.

Phillips District. — Alice M. Cushing, third assistant.

Winthrop District. — Cornelia M. Sullivan, third assistant, from Sept. 1, 1879, respectively.

Accepted.

FOR REËLECTION.

Reëlection of special teachers.

Philippe de Sénancour, Eugene Raymond, Henri Morand, and Marie C. Ladreyt, special teachers in French in High Schools. Ernst C. F. Krauss and John F. Stein, special teachers in German in High Schools. Hobart Moore, instructor in Military Drill, from September 1, 1879, to April 1, 1880.

Accepted, and the several instructors reëlected.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, reported the following nominations: —

Nomination of special teachers.

Girls' High School. — Ellen M. Dyer, special teacher of physical culture, from Sept. 10, 1879, to April 1, 1880.

Roxbury High and West Roxbury High Schools. — Edna F. Calder, special teacher of sciences, from Sept. 10, 1879, to April 1, 1880.

Accepted.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, reported the following resignations: —

Resignations of teachers.

West Roxbury High School. — Janet M. Williams, fourth assistant.

Eliot District. — Margaret E. Robinson, fourth assistant.

Hancock District. — Ellen A. Hunt, second assistant.

Harris District. — Ann Tolman, second assistant.

Warren District. — Florence G. Furbush, third assistant.

Winthrop District. — Adelaide M. Meston, third assistant, to take effect Sept. 1, 1879, respectively.

Accepted.

Report of Com. on Text-Books.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the recommendation of the Committee on Text-books, for the adoption of Eichberg's Girls' High School Music Reader, was taken from the table.

Mr. Blake offered the following order: —

Ordered, That Eichberg's Girls' High School Music Reader be adopted as a text-book in the Girls' High School.

Eichberg's Girls' High School Music Reader.

The order passed by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered: —

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: — The Mayor, Miss Peabody, Messrs. B. Adams, W. T. Adams, Blake, Brewer, Chapin, Collar, Fallon, Finney, Fletcher, Flint, Hayes, Hobbs, Moran, Perkins, Plummer, Reed, and Winship. — 19.

Nays: — None.

Mr. Blake, for the Committee on Text-books, to whom was recommitted — May 13 —Thalheimer's History, as reported for the first classes of Grammar Schools, reported the following:—

Report of Com. on Text-books.

Ordered, That Freeman's History of England be adopted as a text-book in the first classes of the Grammar Schools.

Freeman's History of England.

Laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Blake, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on Industrial Education be authorized to report in print.

Com. on Indust. Ed. to report in print.

On motion of Mr. Finney, for the Committee on Supplies, it was

Ordered, That two thousand additional copies of the Superintendent's semi-annual report — Doc. 20, 1879 — be printed.

Additional copies semi-annual report.

On motion of Mr. Flint, it was

Ordered, That leave of absence until April next be granted to Emma A. Temple, second assistant in the Girls' High School.

Leave of absence to Emma A. Temple.

Mr. Flint, for the Committee on High Schools, reported that the committee had considered it advisable to grant various provisional permits, allowing pupils to attend central schools, — the same conflicting with recent action of the Board in establishing district lines for High Schools.

Provisional permits to attend central High Schools.

Mr. Flint stated that the extreme inconvenience of attending local schools, and the opposition to mixed schools, had been the principal reasons for granting such permits, and asked instruction from the School Board.

Mr. W. T. Adams offered the following: —

Ordered, That the provisional permits granted for pupils to attend High Schools in other than the districts in which such pupils reside, be referred to the Committee on High Schools, with full powers to confirm the same, and that said committee be authorized to grant such special permits during the remainder of the present school year.

Passed.

On motion of Mr. Flint, for the Committee on High Schools, it was

Astronomy omitted, third year in High Schools.

Ordered, That, in accordance with the recommendation of the Board of Supervisors, — approved by the Committee on High Schools,— Astronomy be omitted from the uniform course of study for the third year in the High Schools.

On motion of Mr. Flint, for the same committee, it was

Foreign language studied two years in High Schools, continued.

Ordered, That such pupils of the third-year class as take either mathematics or natural science, be allowed to continue the foreign language studied two years, instead of being required, as at present, to study a new language.

Mr. Hobbs, for the Committee on the Normal School, offered the following: —

Salary of W. Bertha Hintz.

Ordered, That the salary of W. Bertha Hintz, special teacher in the Normal School, be that of second assistant in High Schools.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Report of Com. on Salaries.

Mr. Hayes, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred an order — July 1 — to pay the maximum salary to Isabella Shove, fourth assistant in the Lowell District, reported as follows: —

The committee have considered the case, and were willing to report in favor of the payment to Miss Shove for all the time she has served as a regular teacher; but they have not favored the counting of time served as a substitute, or temporary teacher. The committee find that she is receiving all she is entitled to under the regulations and orders of the Board, and they report that the order ought not to pass. Salary of Isabella Shove.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Fallon, for the Committee on the Sixth Division, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be requested to furnish additional accommodation for the Primary-school children in the Sixth Division. Additional Primary accommodations Sixth Division.

On motion of Mr. Hayes, for the Committee on the Fourth Division, it was

Ordered, That leave of absence for six months, from Sept. 1, 1879, be granted to Emily B. Peck, third assistant in the Quincy District. Leave of absence to Emily B. Peck.

Mr. Hayes, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred — July 8 — an order to report a list of salaries for the Secretary, Auditing Clerk, and the several assistants, submitted a report, accompanied by the following orders: — Report of Com. on Salaries.

Ordered, That the salaries of the Auditing Clerk and of the Secretary of the Board be each at the rate of eighteen hundred dollars per annum, from the date of their election, July 8, 1879, to April 1, 1880. Salaries of Secretary and Auditing Clerk.

Ordered, That the salary of the assistant of the Secretary and the assistant of the Auditing Clerk be each at the rate of nine hundred and sixty dollars per annum, from August 1, 1879, to April 1, 1880. Salary of Assts. to Sec. and Aud'g Clerk.

Ordered, That the salary of the copyist be at the rate of ten dollars a week, to be paid from August 1, 1879, to April 1, 1880. Salary of copyist.

Mr. Hayes submitted a minority report, substituting the following order for the second order in the majority report: —

Minority report of Com. on Salaries.

Ordered, That the Assistant of the Secretary receive salary at the rate of twelve hundred dollars per annum; and the Assistant of the Auditing Clerk at the rate of ten hundred and eighty.

On motion of Mr. Hayes, the question was divided and the orders were considered separately.

The first order passed.

Mr. Hayes moved the substitution of the minority report for the second order in the majority report.

Passed.

Mr. Collar moved to amend the minority report by substituting fifteen hundred for twelve hundred dollars.

Mr. Moran moved to amend by substituting ten hundred and eighty for twelve hundred dollars.

Mr. Collar's amendment was lost, by a vote of eight to eleven.

The second order, as presented in the minority report, was next considered (the sum named in it being larger than that proposed in Mr. Moran's amendment), and passed.

The third order passed.

Petitions for retention of Sam'l McIntosh as Truant Officer.

Mr. Hobbs presented a petition signed by Wm. Gaston and eighty-two others, residents of Boston, praying for the retention of Samuel McIntosh as a Truant Officer in the Highland District.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Truant Officers.

Mr. Finney presented a petition to the same effect, signed by the Principals of the Roxbury High, Dearborn, Dudley, and Dillaway Schools.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Truant Officers.

Mr. Moran, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the vote of the School Board — July 1 — whereby the nomination of Emily F. Carpenter, in the Comins District, was dated Sept. 4, be reconsidered to admit the passage of the following order: —

Change of date in nomination of Emily F. Carpenter.

Ordered, That the term of service of Emily F. Carpenter, first assistant, on probation, in the Comins District, date from Sept. 1, 1879.

The vote was reconsidered and the order passed.

The Chair read the following communication: —

Resignation of Wm. J. Porter from School Board.

BOSTON, July 9, 1879.

To His Honor the Mayor, President of the School Committee: —

I hereby resign my position as a member of the School Board. In so doing, I desire to express my sense of the kindness of the Board in reposing so much confidence in me as to select me for the position of Auditing Clerk.

Your obedient servant,

WILLIAM J. PORTER.

The resignation was accepted.

Mr. Reed offered the following: —

Proposition for Convention to elect new members.

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Board of Aldermen, to inform that body that a vacancy exists in the Board of the School Committee, caused by the resignation of Wm. J. Porter, and proposing that a convention of said Board of Aldermen and School Committee be held at half-past seven o'clock, on the twenty-third day of September, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, in the Committee Chamber, Mason street building, for the purpose of filling said vacancy for the remainder of this municipal year, and that public notice thereof be given according to law.

Passed.

Mr. Finney presented a petition, signed by John A. Fuller and fifteen others, — residents of Ward 23, representing thirty-five pupils, — praying for the reopening

Petition for reopening Primary School on Washington st.

of the Primary School on Washington street, near Forest Hills.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Supplies.

On motion of Mr. Finney, it was

Com. on Primary School instruction.

Ordered, That a special committee of five be appointed, to whom the supervisors in charge of Primary Schools can refer the decision of all questions relating to instruction in said schools.

Com. appointed.

The Chair appointed Messrs. B. Adams, Moran, Collar, Brewer, and Finney to serve as the above committee.

Committee on Annual Report appointed.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Collar, B. Adams, and Fallon as the committee to prepare the Annual Report of the School Committee for 1879.

Mr. Finney offered the following: —

Amendment to Rules proposed.

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations consider the expediency of amending the rules, to provide for the annual appointment of a Committee on Primary School Instruction.

Passed.

On motion of Mr. W. T. Adams, for the Committee on the Ninth Division, it was

Leave of absence to Louisa P. Smith.

Ordered, That leave of absence, until the first of November, be granted to Louisa P. Smith, fourth assistant in the Mather District, and

Dora Williams, substitute.

Ordered, That Dora Williams be approved as the substitute for Louisa P. Smith.

Further time granted to Com. on Fourth Division.

On motion of Mr. Hayes, further time was granted to the Committee on the Fourth Division in which to report on the referred orders concerning the Exeter-street School.

On motion of Mr. Finney, the Board adjourned at twenty minutes before ten o'clock.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES, Jr.,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Sept. 23, 1879.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: All the members, except Messrs. Cutter and Plummer.

On motion of Mr. Reed, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The Chair read a notification from the Board of Aldermen of their concurrence in the proposition to form a convention with this Board, on this day, and at this time, for the purpose of filling the vacancy in this committee caused by the resignation of Wm. J. Porter, and the two Boards assembled accordingly. Convention held.

IN CONVENTION.

His Honor the Mayor presiding.

Mr. Hobbs, for the Committee on Elections, submitted the names of Osborne Howes, Jr,, and Henry W. Haynes as candidates to fill the vacancy.

Accepted.

The Chair appointed Alderman Tucker and Messrs. Finney and Hayes a committee to collect, sort, and count the ballots.

The Chair read the following communication : —

DEAR SIR: —I understand that a committee, of which you were a member, has been so kind as to present my name as that of one of the candidates for the vacancy in the School Board. Thanking you for Communication from Osborne Howes, Jr.

this mark of esteem, I must ask you to make me yet more your debtor, by withdrawing my name from the list of candidates; as, just at present, it would be difficult for me, if elected, to give that attention to the work of the Board which the citizens would have a right to expect.

I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant,

OSBORNE HOWES, Jr.

Hugh O'Brien, Esq., *Chairman of the Board of Aldermen.*

Boston, Sept. 22, 1879.

Placed on file.

The Board proceeded to ballot.

The committee reported the whole number of votes, 28; necessary for a choice, under the statute, 19.

Election of Henry W. Haynes.

Abby W. May had 1 vote; Osborne Howes, Jr., 2; Henry W. Haynes had 25, and was accordingly declared elected a member of the School Committee for a term ending the second Monday in January, 1880.

The business of the convention having been accomplished, the two Boards separated.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Reports of Committee on Nominations.

Mr. Bowditch, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following nominations: —

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of a teacher.

Gibson District. — Mary E. Mann, fourth assistant.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Teachers elected.

Brimmer District. — L. Maria Stetson, third assistant, from September 1, 1879.

Comins District. — Clara F. Stephenson, fourth assistant, from September 11, 1879.

Dwight District. — Lizzie G. Howes, third assistant, from September 22, 1879.

Hillside District. — Ida H. Adams, fourth assistant, from September 1, 1879.

Mt. Vernon District. — Achsa M. Merrill, fourth assistant, from September 1, 1879.

Prescott District. — Lydia E. Hapenny, fourth assistant, from September 1, 1879.

Warren District. — Mary E. Pierce, fourth assistant, from September 1, 1879.

Accepted.

Resignations of teachers.

Mr. Bowditch, for the same committee, reported the following resignations, to take effect September 1, 1879: —

Brimmer District. — Mercie T. Snow, third assistant.

Lewis District. — Louisa A. Hovey, third assistant.

Accepted.

Report of Com. on Fourth Division — separation of Exeter-street School.

Mr. Hayes, for the Committee on the Fourth Division, who were instructed — June 10 — to consider the expediency of separating the Exeter-street School from the Brimmer District, reported that they are unanimously of the opinion that such a separation is at present inexpedient.

Accepted.

Mr. Blake, for the Committee on High Schools, offered the following: —

Salary of Byron Groce.

Ordered, That Byron Groce, junior master, Latin School, have four additional years of service credited to him, to date from Sept. 1, 1879.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Instruction in foreign languages in High Schools.

Mr. Flint, for the Committee on High Schools, presented a schedule of hours given to instruction in foreign languages in High Schools.

Accepted.

Mr. Hayes, for the Committee on Salaries, offered the following: —

Salaries of Special Instructors in French and German.

Ordered, That the salaries of the special instructors in French and German be fixed at the same rates as were paid last year, from Sept. 1, 1879, to April 1, 1880.

Passed.

Mr. Moran, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, offered the following: —

Additional primary accommodations, Lewis District.

Ordered, That further accommodations be furnished for Primary-School children in the Lewis District.

Read, and referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Moran, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Additional primary accommodations, Lowell District.

Ordered, That additional accommodations be furnished for Primary scholars in the Lowell District.

Read, and referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on School Houses, offered the following: —

Curbstone around Oak-sq. Primary School-house.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to place a curbstone around the sidewalk of the Oak-square Primary School-house in the Bennett District, for the better protection of the property, and accommodation of the pupils.

Passed.

Report of Com. on Rules and Regulations — Com. on Primary-School Instruction.

Mr. Hobbs, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred — Sept. 9 — an order to consider the expediency of amending the rules so as to provide for the annual appointment of a Committee on Primary-School Instruction, reported that they consider such provision advisable, and have therefore embodied in their report of verbal and other amendments such changes as will provide for the annual appointment of a Committee on Primary-School Instruction, and a statement of the duties of the same.

Accepted.

Report of Com. on Rules and Regulations. Verbal and other amendments.

Mr. Hobbs, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred an order — June 24 — instructing the committee to report at the first meeting of the Board in September, such verbal or other amendments as in their judgment are necessary previous to printing a revised edition of the Rules and Regulations, reported at length, recommending amendments as follows: —

CHAPTER I.

SECT. 1. After the word "organization," in the fifth line, insert "or when a vacancy occurs."

SECT. 2. Substitute "presiding officer" for "president," in the fifth line. After the words "Nominations, five," in the tenth line, insert "on Primary School Instruction, five."

SECT. 4. Substitute "presiding officer," for "president," in the first line.

SECT. 5. Add the following to the section: "The presiding officer of the Board shall fill vacancies on committees when they occur."

SECT. 8. In the third line, after the words "and report to," insert "the Convention of." In the fourth line, after the words "the Board of," insert "Aldermen and the."

On motion of Mr. W. T. Adams, the rules were suspended, and the above amendments to Chapter I. were adopted.

CHAPTER II.

SECT. 10. In the third item in the order of business, after the words "on nominations on the," insert "resignation."

Insert item 6 after item 3.

SECT. 20. Insert "Special" before "Committees" in the first line.

On motion of Mr. Finney, the rules were suspended, and the above amendments to Chapter II. were adopted.

On motion of Mr. Fallon, the remaining amendments were laid on the table, and the entire report ordered to be printed. [Doc. 24, 1879.]

Freeman's History.

Mr. Blake moved that the report of the Committee on Text-Books on the adoption of Freeman's History be taken from the table.

Lost.

Mr. Hobbs, for the Committee on Evening Schools, offered the following: —

Postponement of beginning of term of Evening Schools.

Ordered, That the beginning of the term of the Evening Schools be postponed to the first Monday in October, and that the rules be suspended to admit of the passage of the order.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Eve. Schools to be opened in usual buildings.

Mr. Hobbs, for the same committee, offered the following: —

In consideration of the delay of the City Council in making necessary changes in buildings approved by the School Board for the use of Evening Schools — June 18 —

Ordered, That the Committee on Evening Schools be authorized to open these schools in such buildings as have been previously used for that purpose, if they consider such action advisable.

Passed.

On motion of Mr. Perkins, for the Committee on Drawing and Music, it was

Old Washington School building to be fitted for Eve. Draw. Sch.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to fit up the third floor of the old Washington School building, for the Free Evening Drawing School, recently removed from King-street Primary School.

On motion of Mr. Perkins, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the Fourth Music Reader be admitted as a text-book in the third classes of the Grammar Schools.

Fourth Music Reader in third classes of Grammar Schools.

Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on the Second Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That Sect. 87 of the rules be so far suspended as to allow the examination of Mrs. L. N. Cutter for a teacher in our public schools.

Examination of Mrs. L. N. Cutter.

Mr. Fox moved that the order be laid on the table.

Lost.

The order passed, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Miss Peabody, for the Committee on High Schools, it was

Ordered, That Alla G. Foster and Edna F. Calder suffer no loss in salary from their transfer to another High School.

Salary of Misses Foster and Calder.

On motion of Mr. Hayes, for the Committee on the Fourth Division, it was

Ordered, That Annie M. Lund, first assistant in the Quincy School, be granted leave of absence for six months, from Oct. 1, 1879.

Leave of absence to Annie M. Lund.

On motion of Mr. Moran, it was

Ordered, That leave of absence until Jan. 1, 1880, be granted to Susan B. Garland, third assistant in the Lowell District.

Leave of absence to Susan B. Garland.

The Chair appointed Mr. Moran to serve on the Committee on Accounts, and Mr. Reed as Chairman of the Committee on Evening Schools, in place of Wm. J. Porter, resigned.

Appointments of committees to fill vacancies.

Approved.

On motion of Mr. Finney, the Board adjourned at half-past eight o'clock.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES, Jr.,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Oct. 14, 1879.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: All the members, except Messrs. Collar, Flint, and Plummer.

On motion of Mr. Fallon, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Credentials of Henry W. Haynes.

Mr. Hobbs, from the Committee on Elections, presented the credentials of Henry W. Haynes as a member-elect of the School Committee for the remainder of this municipal year, and reported them to be in proper form.

Accepted.

Mr. Haynes appeared, and took his seat.

Reports of Committee on Nominations.

Mr. Bowditch, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following nominations: —

ON PROBATION.

Teachers elected.

Dillaway District. — Lydia G. Wentworth, 3d assistant, from Sept. 1, 1879.

Dudley District. — Elizabeth Palmer, 4th assistant, from Oct. 13, 1879.

Everett District. — Florence A. Perry, 4th assistant, from Sept. 25, 1879.

Franklin District. — Clara C. Dunn, 4th assistant, from Oct. 13, 1879.

Frothingham District. — Abbie C. McAuliffe, 4th assistant, from Sept. 1, 1879.

Lewis District. — Annie W. Seaverns, 4th assistant, from Oct. 1, 1879.

Wells District. — Sarah G. Fogarty, 4th assistant, from Sept. 15, 1879.

Accepted.

FOR TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Eliot District. — Alice M. Porter, 4th assistant, from Sept. 1 to Sept. 22, 1879.

Hancock District. — Cicely M. Kennemon, 3d assistant, from Sept, 1 to Sept. 12, 1879.

Prescott District. — Carrie M. Small, 4th assistant, from Oct. 13, 1879.

Dwight District. — Clara C. Dunn, 3d assistant, from Sept. 1 to Sept. 19, 1879.

Transfers of teachers.

Mr. Bowditch, for the same committee, reported the following transfers to take effect Oct. 1, 1879: —

Annie A. E. Fagan, fourth assistant in the Sherwin District, to the position of fourth assistant in the Dudley District.

Florence E. Dexter, fourth assistant in the Wells District, to the position of third assistant in the Hancock District.

Accepted.

Change of rank of John O. Norris.

Mr. Bowditch, for the same committee, reported that John O. Norris, in charge of the East Boston High School, be raised to the rank of master, to date from Sept. 1, 1879.

Accepted.

Confirmation of Evening School teachers.

Mr. Bowditch, for the same committee, reported for confirmation the following-named teachers and secretary for the Evening High School: —

Roscoe P. Owen, principal, from Oct. 6, 1879.

Thomas J. Barry, secretary, " " "

W. H. Moriarty, Arthur B. Morong, W. S. Hutchinson, assistants, from Oct. 6, 1879.

John E. Wetherbee, John Vaughn, T. M. Babson, T. Dean, assistants, from Oct. 8, 1879.

On motion of Mr. Reed, the Board proceeded to ballot for a principal.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Reed, Fox, and Hayes a committee to collect, sort, and count the votes.

The committee, having attended to that duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 16; necessary for a choice, 13.

Roscoe P. Owen had 16, and was accordingly declared elected as the principal of the Evening High School. Election of Prin. of Evening School.

The remaining nominations were confirmed.

Mr. Hayes, for the Committee on the Fourth Division, to whom was referred a petition from residents of Newbury street and vicinity, praying that the school-house on Exeter street be named the Prince School, reported unanimously, recommending the passage of the following order: — Report of Com. on Fourth Division.

Ordered, That the school-house on the corner of Exeter and Newbury streets be named the Prince School, in honor of Frederick O. Prince, Mayor of Boston. Exeter-st. School named Prince School.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Hayes, for the same committee, to whom was referred a petition from the Brimmer School Association, praying that the school-house on Exeter street be named the Bates School, reported that the committee are unanimously of the opinion that the petitioners have leave to withdraw. Report of Com. on Fourth Division on petition from Brimmer School Association.

Accepted.

Mr. Hayes, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom Report of Com. on Salaries.

was referred — Sept. 9 — an order concerning the salary of W. Bertha Hintz, special teacher in the Normal School, reported recommending the passage of the following order: —

Salary of W. Bertha Hintz.

Ordered, That the salary of the special teacher of Illustrative Drawing, Penmanship, and Elementary Method, in the Normal School, be fixed at the rate of $1,380 per annum from Sept. 1, 1879, until otherwise ordered.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Com. on School Houses.

Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on School Houses, to whom was referred — Sept. 9 — an order for additional Primary accommodations in the Sixth Division, reported that they have visited the locality, and recommend the passage of the following orders: —

Primary building on Seventh street.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to erect a six-room Primary Building in the vicinity of Seventh and D streets, South Boston.

Primary accommodations in hall on Broadway.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to provide a room in the hall on Broadway, near B street, for the temporary accommodation of a Primary class in the Lawrence District.

Accepted, and the orders passed.

Report of Com. on School Houses.

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, to whom was referred — July 1 — an order concerning additional Primary accommodations in the Gaston District, reported that after visiting the locality, and giving hearings on the subject, they recommend the passage of the following order: —

Primary building in Gaston District.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to purchase the lot of land between Fourth and Fifth streets, and near O and P streets, South Boston, for the erection of a suitable Primary-School building in the Gaston District.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Sept. 23 — an order concerning Primary accommodations in the Lowell District, reported, recommending the passage of the following order: — Report of Com. on School Houses.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to provide additional Primary accommodations in the Lowell District. Primary accomodations in Lowell District.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to provide for the better lighting and more healthy surroundings of the Silver-street Primary School, in the Lawrence District. Improvements in Silver-street Primary School.

Passed.

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, to whom was referred — June 18 — a petition from the residents of Egleston square, praying for the erection of a Grammar-School building in that vicinity, reported that, after giving several hearings to the petitioners and obtaining reliable statistics concerning the locality, they recommend the passage of the following order: — Report of Com. on School Houses.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to erect a Grammar-School building, of eight rooms, at Egleston square, on the lot now occupied by the Primary School building. Grammar building at Egleston sq.

Accepted, and the order passed.

On motion of Mr. Reed, for the Committee on Evening Schools, it was

Ordered, That the Board of Supervisors be instructed to renew the Certificates of Special Grade now held by the teachers in the Warrenton-street Evening School. Renewal of certificates to Warrington-street Evening School teachers.

On motion of Mr. Reed, for the same committee, it was

Date of opening of Evening Schools.

Ordered, That the Committee on Evening Schools be authorized to determine the date for the opening of the Elementary Evening Schools, for 1879.

Miss Peabody, for the Committee on High Schools, offered the following: —

Salary of Elizabeth P. Howard and Jessie Girdwood.

Ordered, That Elizabeth P. Howard and Jessie Girdwood, fourth assistants in the Girls' Latin School, be credited with three years of service, from Sept. 1 and Sept. 10, 1879, respectively.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Miss Peabody, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Salary of special teacher of Sciences in Roxbury and West Roxbury High Schools.

Ordered, That the salary of the special teacher of Sciences, in the Roxbury and West Roxbury High Schools, be fixed at the rate of $948 per annum.

Read, and referred, with full powers, to the Committee on Salaries.

Maria L. Mace, substitute.

Mr. Moran, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, reported the name of Maria L. Mace as a substitute for longer than one month in the Lowell District.

Accepted.

Mr. Moran, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Salary of Clara F. Stevenson.

Ordered, That, on account of previous service, Clara F. Stevenson, fourth assistant in the Comins District, be placed upon the maximum salary, from the date of the commencement of her term of service, Sept. 1, 1879.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Moran, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That additional accommodations for Primary-School children be furnished in the Dudley District.

Primary accommodations, Dudley District.

Read, and referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Blake, for the Committee on Text-Books, offered the following : —

Ordered, That Comer's System of Book-keeping be allowed for use as a text-book in the High Schools.

Comer's System of Book-keeping in High Schools.

Passed.

On motion of Mr. Hobbs, the report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations — Amendments to the Rules and Regulations [Doc. 24] — was taken from the table.

Report of Com. on Rules and Regulations [Doc. 24].

Mr. Reed moved that the rules be suspended, in order to admit a reconsideration of the vote — Sept. 23 — amending Sect. 1, Chap. I., of the Rules.

The rules were suspended, and the vote reconsidered.

Mr. Reed moved to amend the amendment to Sect. 1, Chap. I., as follows : —

After the word "organization," in the fifth line, add "when a vacancy occurs the presiding officer shall notify the Board that at the next regular meeting an election will occur to fill the same. A week, at least, shall intervene between such notification and election."

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Finney, the amendments were considered in the order reported.

CHAPTER IV.

SECT. 40. In the second line substitute "their" for the first "the," and strike out "of the standing committees."

Adopted.

SECT. 42. In the fifth line substitute "relate to" for "are included in." In the eighth line substitute "the Committee on Supplies" for "its committees." In the paragraph relating to janitors (page 12) strike out the words "This committee shall appoint the janitors for the several school-houses" and substitute the following: "This committee shall have the charge of all the city buildings used for school purposes; they shall appoint the janitors for such buildings."

On motion of Mr. Chapin, the amendment was amended by striking out all after the word "committees" in the third line.

Adopted as amended.

SECT. 43. Strike out, in the third and fourth lines, the words "and for the establishment of new Primary Schools." In fifth line, page 13, strike out "plans."

Adopted.

SECT. 44. In the sixth line substitute "February" for "April."

Adopted.

SECT. 45 (page 14). In the eighth line from top of page insert after the word "property," "other than buildings."

Lost.

On motion of Mr. Moran, the second amendment to Sect. 45, as follows: —

After the paragraph relating to messengers, insert the following: —

"They shall cause a census to be taken of all children in the city between the ages of five and fifteen, according to law. They shall attend to the preparation of the diplomas when awarded, and see that they are delivered to the principals at least one day before the annual exhibitions"

was amended, by striking out the first word "They" and substituting "The secretary, under the direction of the Committee on Supplies," and by striking out the word "They" in the third line, and substituting "Under the direction of this committee, he", and by adding it to Sect. 99, under duties of the Secretary.

Adopted as amended.

SECT. 47. In the last line substitute "first term" for "school year."

Adopted.

SECT. 48. In the fourth line substitute "March" for "June."

Adopted.

SECT. 49. In the seventh line substitute "March" for "June."

Adopted.

SECT. 50. In the fourth line substitute "March" for "June."

Adopted.

Insert the following: —

"SECT. 51. The Committee on Primary School Instruction shall have the general charge of the instruction in the Primary Schools."

Adopted.

SECT. 52. Strike out all after "of the Evening Schools," in the second line, and insert "and in the

month of September they shall make a written report to the Board of the condition of the schools under their charge."

Adopted.

SECT. 53. In the fourth line substitute "March" for "June."

Adopted.

SECT. 54. In the eighth line substitute "March" for "June," and in the twelfth line substitute "suggest" for "report."

Adopted.

CHAPTER V.

SECT. 66. Strike out all after the words "provided that," in the fifth line from top of page 18, to and including the words "called without notice," in the seventh line, and insert the following: "when all the members of any committee are present a meeting may be held without notice."

SECT. 67. Strike out the following sentence from the middle of the section: "Each principal shall immediately furnish the auditing clerk with the names of the scholars to whom diplomas have been awarded."

SECT. 68. Substitute "February" for "May" in the first line. In the tenth and twelfth lines from the top of page 19, substitute "February" for "May." In the seventh line from end of section substitute "March" for "June."

Severally adopted.

CHAPTER VII.

SECT. 81. Strike out all after the words "changed during that year," in the sixth line.

SECT. 82. Strike out all after "confirmation of the Board," in the eleventh line, and insert the following: —

"All instructors elected after the year 1880, except those chosen to serve out unexpired terms, shall hold their offices for the term of three years, unless the same are vacated by removal by the Board or otherwise."

SECT. 83. Substitute "one" for "two," in the twelfth line.

SECT. 84. Add the following to the section: —

"New instructors shall be elected, at any other time than the regular election, only for the unexpired term of the class to which they may be assigned."

Severally adopted.

CHAPTER IX.

SECT. 99. In the third line substitute "May" for "February."

Adopted.

CHAPTER X.

SECT. 106. In the fourth line substitute "supplies" for "accounts."

Adopted.

SECT. 107. Strike out all the section to and including "in the public schools or offices, and," in the seventh line.

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Moran Section 107 was further amended by inserting after the word "supplies" in the last line, the words "by the supply agent."

Strike out Section 108.

Adopted.

SECT. 109. Strike out the first part of the section to and including "according to law," in the third line.

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Moran the second part of the amendment to Section 109, as follows: —

In the first line, page 27, after the words "expenditures of the Board," insert "and such accounts with the supply agent as may be required,"

was amended by adding the words "for a proper and adequate record of the business done by said supply agent on behalf of the Board."

Adopted as amended.

CHAPTER XI.

SECT. 120. In the fifth line, after "propose to the Board," insert "or its committees." In the second line from top of page 29 strike out "at the meetings;" and in the fourth line from top of same page strike out "schools he has visited and the other;" and in the twelfth line after "reports" insert "for each year."

Adopted.

CHAPTER XII.

SECT. 138. In the sixth line substitute "March" for "May."

SECT. 147, page 33. [Special Grade.] After "Licensed Minors" add "and Evening Elementary Schools."

Severally adopted.

CHAPTER XIII.

SECT. 161. Strike out, at the end of the section, the words, "they shall exercise a general supervision over the Primary Schools of their respective districts except as regards instruction."

SECT. 164. In second line strike out "or district."

SECT. 168. Insert after "principals," in the first line, "of Normal, High, and Grammar Schools, and Supervisors in charge of Primary Schools." In the fourth line, after "in their," insert "respective," and strike out, in the same line, "or districts."

Severally adopted.

CHAPTER XIV.

SECT. 183. Strike out in third line "books for indigent children;" and in the fourth line "the auditing clerk through whom;" and insert, in the fifth line, after "on Supplies," the word "who."

SECT. 185. In the sixth line from top of page 40, after "each instructor," insert "in a Grammar School;" and in the seventh line, after "to the principal," insert "and each instructor in a Primary School shall report in writing to the Supervisors in charge."

SECT. 187. After the words "and the," in the seventh line, insert "Supervisors in charge and the."

Strike out Section 195.

SECT. 196. Strike out all after "30," in the fourth line from the top of page 43.

Severally adopted.

CHAPTER XV.

SECT. 209. Add the following to the section: "From September 1, 1879, until April 1, 1880, the

entire supervision of instruction in Primary Schools is committed to three members of the Board of Supervisors, to be designated by the Superintendent."

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Fallon the amendment to Sect. 210, as follows: —

Sect. 210. In the seventh line, after "shall be empowered," insert "to engage substitutes, and." Strike out, in the ninth and tenth lines, "or elsewhere, to serve as assistant teachers, or as paid substitutes," was amended by inserting after the word "substitutes," in the second line, the words "unless otherwise directed by the division committee."

Adopted as amended.

Sect. 211. Substitute "supervisor in charge" for "principal" in the sixth line.

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. W. T. Adams the amendment to Sect. 214, as follows: —

Sect. 214. Substitute the following for the first sentence in the section: "Ungraded classes for the instruction of children who from age or other reason are unqualified for the regular classes of Primary and Grammar Schools may be established in any Grammar School." In the ninth line from top of page 47 substitute "eight" for "ten," and strike out in the tenth line the words, "and not in the first or second class." In the last line, substitute "ungraded class" for "Intermediate School,"
was amended by inserting after the word "school," in the fifth line, the words "but no child is to be placed in such class for misconduct."

On motion of Mr. W. T. Adams, the Superinten-

dent was invited to take part in the discussions on the several amendments.

On motion of Mr. Finney, the amendment to Sect. 214 was further amended by substituting for the first line and a half the words, "Substitute the following for all of the section to the word 'sewing.'"

Adopted as amended.

SECT. 215. Strike out, in the last line but one, "arranged or," and in the last line substitute "supervisor in charge" for "principal of the district."

Adopted.

SECT. 216. Substitute "ungraded class" for "Intermediate School" in the eighth and tenth lines.

Adopted.

CHAPTER XVI.

SECT. 236. Strike out "convenient for him to attend," in the fifth line.

SECT. 240. Substitute "school" for "district" in the fifth line.

Severally adopted.

CHAPTER XVII.

On motion of Miss Peabody, the amendment to Section 254, as follows: —

SECT. 254. Add the following to the section: "No pupil who has completed the course of the second two years shall be allowed to attend any High School,"

was amended by adding the words "without a special permit in writing from the Committee on High Schools."

Adopted as amended.

On motion of Mr. W. T. Adams, Section 257, as follows: —

Insert the following: —

"SECT. 257. No pupil shall be admitted to or retained in any High School except that of the High-School District in which such pupil resides, without a special permit in writing from the Committee on High Schools,"

was amended by adding the words "upon good cause shown."

Adopted as amended.

CHAPTER XXII.

SECT. 328. Substitute "minors" for "boys," in the second line.

Adopted.

CHAPTER XXIV.

SECT. 356. Strike out "nor at any other age," in the second line.

Adopted.

SECT. 357. Strike out all after "majority fraction thereof," and insert "there shall be but one principal of the Evening Drawing Schools with the rank of master; the other principals shall rank as head-assistants."

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Perkins, Sect. 357 was further amended by inserting the words "in the Freehand Classes, and for fifteen in the Mechanical Classes," after the word "pupils" in the second line; and by inserting the words "in the first, or fifteen in the last" after the word "five" in the third line.

Boundary lines of Comins and Dillaway districts amended.

On motion of Mr. Moran, the boundary lines of the Comins District for Girls, and of the Dillaway District, were amended by substituting the words, "east

side of Hampshire street," for the words "Stony brook," wherever they occur.

On motion of Mr. Brooks Adams, the Superintendent expressed his opinions concerning the subject of discipline in Primary Schools.

Reconsideration.

On motion of Mr. W. T. Adams, the vote on the first amendment to Sect. 214, "but no child, etc," was reconsidered.

The Superintendent expressed his opinion on the amendment. The amendment was finally adopted by a vote of 9 to 8.

Amendment to Sect. 138.

Mr. Hayes moved to amend Sect. 138, by striking out all of the section after the word "shall," in the sixth line, and substituting the following: "be prepared, on or before March 10, to give the results of the examinations to the Board, or any of the committees in charge of schools."

Read, and referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Second reading of amendments.

On motion of Mr. Reed, the rules were suspended to admit of the second reading of the various amendments, by their title only.

The amendments took their second reading, and were adopted.

Report of Com. on Truant Officers on abolishment of Chief of Truant Officers.

Mr. Hayes, for the Committee of Truant Officers, to whom was referred — July 8 — an order concerning the abolishment of the office of Chief of Truant Officers, reported that they have carefully considered the subject, and believe such a change to be at present inexpedient.

Accepted.

Report of Com. on Salaries.

Mr. Hayes, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred — May 26 — an order concerning

the salary of Eliza W. Jones, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Salary of Eliza W. Jones.

Ordered, That, on account of previous acceptable service, Eliza W. Jones, second assistant in the Bennett District, be placed upon the fifth year's service of that grade, to date from Sept. 1, 1879.

Accepted, and the order passed.

On motion of Mr. W. T. Adams, it was

Copies of Rules and Regulations.

Ordered, That a sufficient number of copies of the Rules of the School Committee and Regulations of the Public Schools (including all amendments to the present time) be printed for the use of the Board, its officers, and the schools.

On motion of Mr. W. T. Adams, for the Committee on Accounts, it was

Compensation for Geo. A. Smith.

Ordered, That the sum of eighty dollars be paid to Geo. A. Smith, for services as Secretary and Auditing Clerk *pro tem.* of the School Board, from July 1 to July 8, 1879, inclusive.

On motion of Mr. Moran it was

Attendance of pupils outside of divisions.

Ordered, That no pupil be allowed to attend a Grammar School outside the division in which he resides without the written consent of the chairman of that division as well as of the division he desires to attend, and that the attention of principals be called to this order.

Confirmation of teachers of Free Evening Drawing Schools.

Mr. Perkins, for the Committee on Drawing and Music, reported for confirmation the following nominations made by the Committee on Drawing and Music for the Free Evening Drawing Schools: —

Head Assistants: Charles M. Carter, *Roxbury;* Clarence S. Ward, *Charlestown;* H. N. Mudge, *East Boston;* Charles L. Adams, *Roslindale.*

The nominations were confirmed.

On motion of Mr. Perkins, for the Committee on Drawing and Music, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on Drawing and Music have permission to report to the Board in print.

Com. on Drawing and Music to report in print.

On motion of Mr. Perkins, for the Committee on the Third Division, it was

Ordered, That leave of absence for three months from Sept 1, 1879, be granted to Elizabeth R. Preston, fourth assistant in the Bowdoin District, and that Ella E. Morrill be approved as a substitute for Miss Preston.

Leave of absence to Eliza R. Preston.

Ella E. Morrill substitute.

On motion of Mr. Perkins, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That leave of absence for four months, from Oct. 1, 1879, be granted to Sophia E. Raycroft, third assistant in the Eliot District, and that Mary Ruxton be approved as a substitute for Miss Raycroft.

Leave of absence to Sophia E. Raycroft.

Mary Ruxton substitute.

Mr. Perkins, for the same committee, reported the resignation of Sarah J. Mills, first assistant in the Bowdoin District.

Resignation of Sarah J. Mills.

Referred to the Committee on Nominations.

The Chair made the following appointments on committees: —

Mr. Nahum Chapin, to serve as Chairman of the Committee on Licensed Minors, in place of Mr. Wm. J. Porter, resigned.

Appointments on committees

Mr. Henry W. Haynes, to serve on the Committees on Drawing and Music, Elections, Licensed Minors, Nominations, and First and Third Divisions, in vacancies caused by the resignation of Mr. Wm. J. Por-

ter, and on the Committee on Rules and Regulations, in place of Mr. B. Adams, resigned.

Mr. Fallon, to serve on the Committee on School Houses, in place of Mr. Moran, resigned.

Approved.

Mr. Hayes, for the Committee on the Fourth Division, offered the following: —

Salary of Maria L. Stetson.

Ordered, That Maria L. Stetson, third assistant in the Brimmer District, be placed upon the fifth year's service of that grade.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

On motion of Mr. Finney, the Board adjourned at twenty minutes before eleven o'clock.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES, JR.,
Secretary.

In School Committee, Oct. 28, 1879.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: All the members, except Messrs. Cutter, Fletcher, Reed, and Ryan.

On motion of Mr. Finney, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following nominations: — Reports of Com. on Nominations.

ON PROBATION.

Bennett District. — Helen S. Harrington, fourth assistant, from Oct. 12, 1879. Nomination of Teachers.

Central District. — Mary E. Driscoll, fourth assistant, from Sept. 8, 1879.

Emerson District. — Lizzie M. Morrissey, fourth assistant, from Sept. 10, 1879.

Franklin District. — Hattie Mann, fourth assistant, from Oct. 1, 1879.

Lincoln District. — Clara H. Booth, fourth assistant, from Oct. 16, 1879.

Lowell District. — Caroline F. Cutler, fourth assistant, from Oct. 1, 1879.

Shurtleff District. — Mary E. O'Connor, fourth assistant, from Sept. 10, 1879.

Accepted.

FOR TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Andrew District. — Jennie L. Story, fourth assistant, from Oct. 27, 1879.

Bennett District. — Helen S. Harrington, fourth assistant, from Sept. 1 to Oct. 12, 1879.

Dudley District. — Eva M. Nay, fourth assistant, from Oct. 17, 1879.

Lewis District. — Annie W. Seaverns, third assistant, from Sept. 1 to Sept. 30, inclusive, 1879.

Mather District. — Florence J. Bigelow, fourth assistant, from Oct. 27, 1879; Ida M. Kendall, fourth assistant, from Nov. 1, 1879.

Accepted.

Resignations of teachers.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, reported the following resignations: —

Adams District. — Mary E. Wiggin, fourth assistant, to take effect Nov. 1, 1879; Lucy A. Wiggin and Eliza A. Wiggin, fourth assistants, to take effect Oct. 1, 1879.

Bowdoin District. — Sarah J. Mills, first assistant, to take effect Oct. 1, 1879.

Franklin District. — Isadora Page, fourth assistant, to take effect Oct. 1, 1879.

Mather District. — Louisa P. Smith, fourth assistant, to take effect Oct. 15, 1879.

Accepted.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Reconsideration.

Ordered, That the vote accepting the report of the Committee on Nominations, on the reëlection of teachers, — July 1, 1879, — be reconsidered to admit of the following corrections of typographical errors: —

Charles Sumner District. — Lottie B. Hall, second assistant, from Sept. 1, 1879, in place of third assistant.

Mt. Vernon District. — Maria H. Lothrop, third assistant, from Sept. 1, 1879, in place of second assistant.

The order for reconsideration passed, and the changes were adopted.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Rank of John O. Norris.

Ordered, That the vote whereby the rank of John O. Norris, in charge of the East Boston Branch High School, was raised to that of master, be reconsidered, and the order referred to the Committee on Salaries.

The vote was reconsidered and the order so referred.

Transfer of Mary L. Nichols.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, reported the transfer of Mary L. Nichols, fourth assistant in the Gaston District, to the position of fourth assistant in the Dorchester-Everett District, the transfer to take effect Nov. 1, 1879.

Accepted.

Report of Com. on Supplies.

Tilton's Plain Needlework.

Mr. Finney, for the Committee on Supplies, who were requested — Feb. 25 — by the Committee on Sewing to introduce "Tilton's Plain Needlework" into the classes where sewing is taught, reported, recommending that the matter be referred to the Committee on Text-Books.

Accepted, and the request referred to the Committee on Text-Books.

Report of Com. on Supplies.

Transportation of pupils of Washington-st. Primary School.

Mr. Finney, for the Committee on Supplies, to whom was referred — July 8 — an order to consider the expediency of providing transportation for pupils of the Washington-street Primary School to the Charles Sumner School, during the whole or a part of the school year, reported that it is inexpedient to grant the request.

Accepted.

Report of Com. on Supplies.

Mr. Finney, for the Committee on Supplies, to whom was referred — Sept. 9 — a petition signed by John A. Fuller and fifteen others, residents of Ward 23, praying for the re-opening of the Washington-street Primary School, re-

Petition for re-opening Washington-street Primary School.

ported that, as it is the opinion of the Eighth Division Committee that the best interests of the pupils of the district are served by accommodating them in the Charles Sumner School, it is inexpedient to grant the petition.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Hayes, for the Committee on the Fourth Division, it was

Inscription on Prince School-house.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to cause the usual inscription of the name of the school to be placed in the appropriate position on the Prince School-house.

Report of Com. on Truant Officers.

Reinstatement of Samuel McIntosh.

Mr. Hayes, for the Committee on Truant Officers, to whom were referred petitions for the reinstatement of Samuel McIntosh on the truant force of the School Committee, reported the nomination of Samuel McIntosh to serve as a truant officer from Nov. 1, 1879.

Accepted, and the nomination confirmed.

Report of C on Salaries.

Salary of Jessie Girdwood.

Mr. Hayes, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred — Oct. 14 — an order that Jessie Girdwood, fourth assistant in the Girls' Latin School, be credited with three years of service, from Sept. 10, 1879, reported that the order ought to pass.

Accepted, and the order passed.

On motion of Mr. Hayes, for the Committee on Evening Schools, it was

Salary of Sec. of Eve. High School.

Ordered, That Thomas J. Barry, elected as Secretary of the Evening High School, to perform clerical work only, be paid at the rate of $2.00 per night.

On motion of Mr. Moran, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, it was

Leave of absence to Sarah E. Lovell.

Ordered, That leave of absence until Dec. 1, 1879, be granted to Sarah E. Lovell, second assistant in the Comins District.

On motion of Mr. Moran, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That leave of absence until Jan. 1, 1880, be granted to Henrietta M. Young, third assistant in the Lewis District. Leave of absence to Henrietta M. Young.

Mr. Blake, for the Committee on Industrial Education, submitted a report of that committee [Doc. 25, 1879], which was specially assigned for consideration to 8 o'clock of the next regular meeting of the Board. Report of Com. on Industrial Education.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the report of the Committee on Text-books, recommending the adoption of Freeman's History of England as a text-book in the first classes of Grammar Schools, was taken from the table, and adopted by the following vote: — Report of Com. on Text-books. Freeman's History adopted.

Yeas. — His Honor the Mayor, Messrs. B. Adams, W. T. Adams, Blake, Bowditch, Brewer, Chapin, Collar, Fallon, Finney, Flint, Fox, Hayes, Hobbs, Hyde, Perkins, Winship. — 17. Yeas and nays.

Nays. — Miss Peabody and Mr. Plummer. — 2.

The entire report of the Committee on Text-books, as presented May 6, and subsequently amended, was adopted. Report of Com. on Text-books adopted.

Mr. Hobbs, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, reported the following additional amendments to the Rules: — Report of Com. on Rules and Regulations.

SECT. 1. Strike out all after the word "vacancy" in the fifth line, to and including the word "same" in the eighth line, and substitute the following: "in the office of vice-president occurs, the Board shall order such vacancy to be filled at the next regular meeting." Amendments to Rules and Regulations.

SECT. 70. Insert after "one grade," in the seventh line, the words "of schools."

SECT. 147. *Special Grade*, insert "assistants in" after "Licensed Minors and."

SECT. 209. Substitute "first" for "lowest" in the first line, and add the following clause to the section,

"who shall discharge all the general duties relating to these schools which have been required of the principals in the regulations."

SECT. 238. Strike out the section.

SECT. 292. Insert after "candidates must show" in the eighth line, "to the head-master." Insert after "soon as," in the last line on page 65, "in the opinion of the Board of Supervisors and the head-master." Strike out in the first line on page 66, "by the committee on the school."

SECT. 297. Substitute for the entire section the paragraph on page 66, beginning, "The head-master shall annually make a report."

SECT. 344. Substitute "assistants" for "instructors" in the third line, and "assistant" for "instructor" in the last line.

Passed to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Finney, the rules were suspended, and the amendments took a second reading and were adopted.

Mr. Finney offered the following: —

Tenure of office of instructors.

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations be requested to report amendments by which teachers after election shall hold their positions during good behavior, and that previous to election each regular teacher shall be placed on probation for a suitable length of time; also to report rules by which incapable or unfit teachers may be removed during probation and after election.

Passed.

Report of Com. on Investigation.

Dr. Moran, for the Committee on Investigation, submitted a report of that committee, with the following orders appended: —

Ordered, That the Committee on Supplies be authorized to have a new clause added to the "contract," to the

effect that all the books of accounts used in the Supply Office for recording the work of said office be purchased by and be the property of the City of Boston; and that at the end of each year all the said books shall be turned over to the Auditing Clerk of the School Board.

Ordered, That so much of the second order, appended to the Report of the Committee on Supplies [Doc. No. 6 of 1879], passed at the meeting of the School Board on the eighth day of April, 1879, as reads as follows, "or to contract, if they deem it expedient to do so, with any reliable person or persons, on such terms, and for such length of time, as they may deem advisable, for doing all the work required in carrying out said plan," be and the same is hereby repealed.

Mr. Chapin moved that the report be accepted and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. W. T. Adams, the question was divided.

The question being on the acceptance of the report, after some discussion, on motion of Mr. B. Adams, the previous question was ordered.

The report was accepted, and ordered to be printed as Doc. 28, 1879.

The orders were adopted.

Regulations amended, Sect. 305.

Mr. Hobbs moved to amend Sect. 305 of the Regulations, by inserting after the word "school" in the third line, the following: "And in conjunction with the master of the Rice School have the entire charge of the Primary Schools connected therewith."

Passed to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Hobbs the rules were suspended, and the above amendment took a second reading, and was adopted.

On motion of Mr. B. Adams, the vote whereby the

Reconsideration.

amendment to Sect. 305 was adopted, was reconsidered. Mr. B. Adams moved to amend the proposed amendment by striking out "in conjunction with the master of the Rice School, have," so that the entire section shall read as follows: —

SECT. 305. The head master of the Normal School shall have the direction of the observation, practice, and methods of instruction in the Training School, and the entire charge of the Primary Schools connected therewith, subject to the approval of the committee in charge.

Passed.

The amendment, as amended, passed to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. B. Adams, the rules were suspended, and the above amendment took a second reading, and was adopted.

Mr. Brewer offered the following: —

Prince School; matters relating to.

Ordered, That so much of School Document No. 13 — the Sixth Report of the Committee on Revision— as relates to the Exeter-street School, now known as the Prince School (see pages 7 and 13); also the order passed by the Board May 13, separating the said school from all connection with the Brimmer District; with the modified orders adopted by the Board June 4 and June 10, and the report on the last two orders, by the Fourth Division Committee, made Sept. 23, be all referred to a joint committee which shall consist of the members of the Committee on Rules and Regulations, and of the Committee on the Fourth Division; and that the said joint committee consider the subject of the connection of the Prince School with the Brimmer, and report what changes, in their judgment, are desirable in the relations now existing between these two schools, and also whether their complete and entire abrogation has not become a necessity in conse-

quence of the great and constant growth of the said Prince School, and its great distance from the Brimmer School, and the absolute need of the constant presence of the full authority of a principal within its walls; and that said joint committee consider, and report what changes in existing rules may be necessary to meet these requirements.

Mr. Hayes opposed the reference of the subject to a joint committee.

After discussion, on motion of Mr. Fallon, the order was amended by substituting "Committee on Fourth Division," for "Joint Committee."

Passed as amended.

Report of Com. on Salaries.

Mr. Hayes, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred — Sept. 23 — an order concerning the salary of Byron Groce, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Salary of Byron Groce.

Ordered, That Byron Groce, junior master in the Latin School, be credited with four additional years of service, to date from Sept. 1, 1879.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Com. on Salaries. Salary of L. Maria Stetson.

Mr. Hayes, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Oct. 14 — an order that L. Maria Stetson, third assistant in the Brimmer District, be placed upon the fifth year's service of that grade, to date from Sept. 1, 1879, reported that the order ought to pass.

Accepted, and the order passed.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the Board adjourned at five minutes before ten o'clock.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES, Jr.,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Nov. 11, 1879.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: All the members, except Messrs. Fletcher and Fox.

On motion of Mr. Finney, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following nominations: — Reports of Com. on Nominations.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Comins District. — Myron T. Pritchard, sub-master. Confirmation of teachers.

Dearborn District. — M. Agnes Murphy, fourth assistant.

Lewis District. — Althea W. Barry, third assistant.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Bowdoin District. — Sarah R. Smith, first assistant, from Nov. 3, 1879. Nomination of teachers.

Brimmer District. — Laura M. Kendrick, fourth assistant, from Oct. 29, 1879.

Accepted.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, reported the following nominations: —

FOR TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Central District. — Annie C. Gott, fourth assistant, from Sept. 1, 1879. Temporary teachers.

Dearborn District. — Mary T. Cunningham, fourth assistant, from Oct. 27, 1879.

Charles Sumner District. — Sallie B. Tripp, fourth assistant, from Nov. 1, 1879.

Accepted.

Resignation of Ella M. Hancock.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, reported the resignation of Ella M. Hancock, fourth assistant in the Charles Sumner District, to take effect Nov. 1, 1879.

Accepted.

Transfer of Martha H. Ames.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, reported the transfer of Martha H. Ames from the position of fourth assistant to that of third assistant in the Central District, to take effect Sept. 1, 1879.

Accepted.

Election of master of W. Rox. High School.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, reported the name of George C. Mann as a candidate for the vacant mastership of the West Roxbury High School — term of service to begin Sept. 1, 1879.

On motion of Mr. Plummer, the Board proceeded to ballot.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Reed, Brewer, and Finney as the committee to collect, sort, and count the ballots.

The committee, having attended to that duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 19; necessary for a choice, 13. George C. Mann had 19, and was accordingly declared elected as master of the West Roxbury High School.

Election of principals of Evening Ele. Schools.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, on the recommendation of the Committee on Evening Schools, nominated for election the following-named principals of the Evening Elementary Schools for 1879–80, the term of service to begin Nov. 10, 1879: —

Beck, Larrey G. . . . Hudson street.
Bennett, John A. . . . Anderson street.

Carrigan, Edward C. .	Blossom street.
Charles, Salem D. . .	N. Bennett street.
Coombs, John C. . .	331 Broadway.
Cutter, Charles K. . .	Old Franklin School-house.
Dimick, Frank E. . .	East Boston.
Hodgate, John M. . .	Ward-room, Dudley street.
Keyes, Frances V. . .	Brighton.
Martin, William H. . .	Neponset.
Oak, George	Dorchester.
Pratt, George G. . . .	Charlestown.
Shaughnessy, Thos. F. .	Jamaica Plain.
Tufts, George J. . . .	Lincoln School-house.
Washburn, Frank L. .	Cabot street.

On motion of Mr. Plummer, the rules were suspended to admit of the election of the candidates, some of them not holding certificates of the proper grade under the rules.

The Board proceeded to ballot.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Reed, Brewer, and Finney a committee to collect, sort, and count the ballots.

The committee, having attended to that duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 18; necessary for a choice, 13.

The above-named candidates had 18 votes each, and were accordingly declared elected as principals of the designated Evening Schools.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Principals of Evening Elementary Schs. to hold second-grade certificates.

The Committee on Nominations respectfully call the attention of the Board to that part of Sect. 147 of the Regulations, which requires that principals of Evening Elementary Schools shall be holders of certificates of qualification of the second grade.

The appointments for these positions have been made regardless of the requirements of the Regulations, and the Committee on Nominations therefore recommend the following order: —

Ordered, That that part of Sect. 147 of the Regulations which relates to principals of Evening Elementary Schools be enforced in the appointments made for these positions subsequent to the winter of 1879 and '80, and that principals of Evening Elementary Schools be notified of the same.

Accepted, and the order passed.

On motion of Mr. Flint, for the Committee on High Schools, it was

Special teacher of sciences in Rox. and W. Rox. High Schools.

Ordered, That the position to which Edna F. Calder was appointed in September last, be recognized as that of "special teacher of sciences," for the Roxbury and West Roxbury High Schools.

On motion of Mr. Flint, for the same committee, it was

Salary of special teacher of sciences.

Ordered, That the Committee on Salaries be requested to report a salary for the special teacher of sciences in the Roxbury and West Roxbury High Schools.

On motion of Mr. Blake, for the Committee on Text-Books, it was

Text-books, etc., to be printed.

Ordered, That the list of books as adopted by the Board for the school year 1879 and '80 be printed [Doc. No. 29, 1879], and that no other books be used in any of the public schools of this city; and that the course of study, the list of reference books, and the lists of apparatus, — metric, philosophical, and chemical, — as authorized for the Primary and Grammar Schools, be appended thereto.

On motion of Mr. Finney, for the Committee on Supplies, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on Supplies be authorized to exchange such number of Readers, Leigh Type, as are on hand in excess of the needs of schools, for an equal number of Franklin Advanced Second Readers to be used as supplementary reading in Primary Schools. Supplementary Reading, Primary Schools.

Mr. Perkins, for the Committee on Drawing and Music, reported for confirmation the following-named assistants in the Free Evening Drawing Schools : — Confirmation of assistants in Evening Drawing Schools.

George F. Hammond,	from	Oct.	20	inclusive
A. Hun Berry,	"	"	"	"
J. L. Frisbee,	"	"	"	"
G. A. Loring,	"	"	"	"
R. W. Vounoh,	"	"	21	"
W. F. Brackett,	"	"	27	"
A. H. Munsell,	"	Nov.	4	"
Walter L. Dean,	"	Oct.	20	"

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

Mr. Perkins offered the following : —

The Committee on the Third Division recommend that the sum of eighty dollars be paid to Sarah R. Smith for services as first assistant, on probation, in the Bowdoin School, from Oct. 1 to Nov. 3, 1879. Compensation to Sarah R. Smith.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Winship, for the Committee on the Horace Mann School, submitted the annual report of that committee as follows : — Annual Report of Committee on Horace Mann School.

In June, 1879, the number of pupils belonging to the school was eighty, an increase of eleven during the year, twenty-two having been admitted and eleven withdrawn. Of this number fifty-five were residents of Boston, twenty-three of towns in the vicinity, and two came from other States. Of the twenty-two admitted during the year, thirteen were young pupils who had

received no previous instruction, and who may therefore be considered as having entered upon the full course of training which the school provides. In December last an additional teacher was appointed to take charge of the class of beginners then formed. The condition of the school and the progress of the several classes during the year have been gratifying to the committee.

The number of scholars has increased steadily from year to year, and already the present accommodations are insufficient, although ample when the building now occupied was fitted for the use of this school, in 1875. At the meeting of the Board, July 8, 1879, the order "That the City Council be requested to remodel the Horace Mann School to accommodate the increasing demands of the school" was referred to the Committee on School Houses. The natural and evident desire of the parents of deaf children to keep them under parental care and in the companionship of their hearing brothers and sisters, provided they can obtain for them the special instruction they need, is sufficient ground for predicating a continued increase in the school; and the committee are therefore of the opinion that it would be advisable to consider, without delay, plans for such increase of accommodations as may provide for the growth of the school for some years to come, though they doubt whether it will be practicable to secure such provision in the present location.

During the past year the relations of this school to the State and to the city have been duly considered by a joint committee representing the interests of both, and the connection continues entirely satisfactory.

For the Committee,

F. LYMAN WINSHIP,

Chairman.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Finney, it was

Walls of School Committee Chamber to be tinted.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to cause the walls of the School Committee Chamber to be tinted.

Mr. Moran offered the following: —

Regulations of Normal School amended.

Ordered, That Section 292 of the Regulations be amended by inserting after the word "discharged" the

words "by the committee on the school, if they deem proper."

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Hyde, for the Committee on the Fifth Division, offered the following: —

Additional Primary accommodations in Dwight and Everett Districts.

Whereas, there are now in the Everett and Dwight Districts from ninety to one hundred children waiting for an opportunity to attend a Primary School; and, whereas, there are no accommodations for even one class in either district, therefore be it

Ordered, That the City Council be urgently requested to furnish, as soon as possible, suitable rooms for at least two classes in the above-mentioned districts.

Read, and, on motion of Mr. W. T. Adams, referred to the Committee on School Houses, with full powers.

On motion of Mr. Moran, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, it was

Leave of absence to Abbie L. Baker.

Ordered, That leave of absence until January 1, 1880, be granted to Abbie L. Baker, third assistant in the Dearborn School.

Nellie I. Lapham, Ellen M. Murphy, substitutes.

Mr. Moran, for the same committee, reported the names of Nellie I. Lapham and Ellen M. Murphy, as substitutes for longer than one month, in the Comins and Lewis Districts respectively.

Approved.

Mr. Moran, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Salary of Caroline F. Cutler.

Ordered, That Caroline F. Cutler, fourth assistant in the Lowell District, be put upon the fourth year's salary.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Moran, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Salary of Isabella Shove.

Ordered, That Isabella Shove, fourth assistant in the

Lowell District, be put upon the maximum salary on account of previous service.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Report of Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Hayes, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred an order instructing them to report a salary for the special teacher of sciences in the Roxbury and West Roxbury High Schools, submitted the following order: —

Salary of special teacher of sciences in the Roxbury and West Roxbury High Schools.

Ordered, That the salary of the special teacher of sciences in the Roxbury and West Roxbury High Schools be at the rate of $948 a year, from Sept. 1, 1879, to April 1, 1880.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Hayes, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Oct. 14 — an order to put upon the maximum salary, Clara F. Stevenson, fourth assistant in the Comins District, reported that this teacher, under the name of Miss Conant, was employed nine years in Boston, and resigned in Oct., 1878. She was reëlected Sept. 1, 1879. As she has served more than the term required to attain the maximum salary, the committee report that the order ought to pass in an amended form, as follows: —

Salary of Clara F. Stephenson.

Ordered, That Clara F. Stephenson, fourth assistant in the Comins District, be placed upon the sixth year's service of that rank, to date from Sept. 1, 1879.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Hayes, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Oct. 14 — an order crediting Elizabeth P. Howard, fourth assistant in the Girls' Latin School, with additional years of service, reported as follows: —

Miss Howard, before entering upon her duties in the Girls' Latin School, had served two years in Fitchburg and six years in a private school of high reputation in

Boston. As a teacher of large experience the committee think she is entitled to the consideration asked for, and they report that the order ought to pass in an amended form, as follows : —

Ordered, That Elizabeth P. Howard, fourth assistant in the Girls' Latin School, be placed upon her fourth year's service, to date from Sept. 1, 1879.

Salary of Elizabeth P. Howard.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Hayes, for the same committee, to whom was referred, through the Committee on Nominations, the request of the Committee on High Schools that John O. Norris, in charge of the East Boston Branch High School, receive the rank and salary of a master, reported as follows : —

Report of Com. on Salaries.

Mr. Norris practically discharges the duties of a principal in his school; and for this reason this committee are of the opinion that his rank should be increased by crediting him with about two years' additional service, which he lacks to attain the rank of master, and they report that the request ought to be granted, as embodied in the following order : —

Ordered, That John O. Norris, junior master in the English High School, in charge of the East Boston Branch High School, be placed on the eleventh year's service of that rank, being that of a master in the first grade, to date from Sept. 1, 1879.

Salary of John O. Norris.

Accepted, and the order passed.

On motion of Mr. Bowditch, for the Committee on School Houses, it was

Ordered, That permission be given to Mrs. Quincy A. Shaw to use the vacant room in the Quincy School-house for a charity Kindergarten, under the same conditions as those already granted.

Charity Kindergarten, Quincy School-house.

Mr. Bowditch, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Oct. 14 — an order to provide for additional

Report of Com. on School Houses.

Additional primary accommodations in the Dudley District.

primary accommodations in the Dudley District, reported that the order ought to pass, and that the City Council be requested to furnish the necessary accommodations.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Florence Dix, substitute.

Mr. Hyde, for the Committee on the Fifth Division, reported the name of Florence Dix as a substitute for longer than one month in the Franklin District.

Approved.

Report of Com. on Rules and Regulations. Sect. 138.

Mr. Hobbs, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred — Oct. 14 — an order to amend Sect. 138 of the Regulations concerning the record of results of the Supervisors' annual examination of teachers, reported that the order ought not to pass.

Accepted.

Report of Com. on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Hobbs, for the same committee, who were instructed — June 24 — to report amendments requiring the principals of the Grammar Schools to give instruction at least fifteen hours a week in the Grammar Schools, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That Sect. 161 of the Regulations be amended, so as to read as follows: —

Instruction by principals of Grammar Schools.

SECT. 161. The principals of the Grammar Schools shall give instruction for at least fifteen hours a week in their schools. They shall have the special charge of the graduating classes, and their instruction to these classes in mixed schools shall be given to the boys and girls at the same time. They shall devote the remainder of the time to the general duties of their office, and to the supervision of the lower classes in such manner as shall secure the best interests of all. They shall examine such classes at least once in each term.

Accepted, and the order passed under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Hobbs, as chairman of the Committee on Rules

and Regulations, to whom was referred — Oct. 28 — an order concerning the tenure of office of instructors, stated that he had been instructed by his committee to obtain the opinion of the City Solicitor on the subject, and presented that opinion to the Board, as follows: —

Opinion of City Solicitor on tenure of office of instructors.

CITY SOLICITOR'S OFFICE,
No. 2 PEMBERTON SQUARE,
Boston, Nov. 11, 1879.

GEORGE M. HOBBS, ESQ.: —

Dear Sir, — In reply to your question, I have to say that the School Committee is annually reorganized, and the committee for the time being has the care, direction, and management of the schools, including the selection of teachers and fixing their compensation.

It is, therefore, my opinion that the committee cannot legally contract with teachers for their services for any term of years.

Yours very respectfully,
J. P. HEALY.

On the ground that this was not a report from the Committee on Rules and Regulations, on motion of Mr. Finney, the opinion was referred to that committee.

The time for the special assignment, Report of Committee on Industrial Education, having arrived, on motion of Mr. Blake, the report was taken from the table and accepted.

Report of Com. on Industrial Education.

Mr. Blake moved the passage of the first order appended to the report, as follows: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars, in addition to the estimate for school expenditure for the year 1880–81, to be spent in fitting up and maintaining an Industrial Institute suitable for the education of young mechanics.

After a lengthy discussion, Mr. W. T. Adams moved to substitute the following for the first order in the report: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to establish an Industrial School in this city, suitable for the education of young mechanics, and to appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars, in addition to the estimate for school expenditures for the year 1880–81, to be spent in fitting up and maintaining the same.

The motion to substitute was passed.

Mr. Cutter moved to amend the order by striking out the words "an Industrial School in this city, suitable for the education of young mechanics," and substituting the following, "an institute for that education of the hand which underlies all trades and occupations useful to the community."

Lost.

Mr. Collar moved to amend the order by inserting, after the word "requested," the words "if it deems proper."

Lost.

At the request of Mr. Collar, the Superintendent expressed his opinion in favor of the establishment of Industrial Schools, but under a control other than the School Board.

On motion of Mr. Moran, the yeas and nays were ordered on the passage of the order.

Mr. Finney, who would have voted in the negative, paired with Mr. Hayes, who was not present.

The order, as substituted, passed by the following vote: —

Yeas and Nays.

Yeas.—The Mayor, Messrs. T. W. Adams, Blake, Bowditch, Brewer, Chapin, Fallon, Flint, Haynes, Perkins, Winship. — 11.

Nays.—Messrs. B. Adams, Collar, Cutter, Hobbs, Hyde, Moran, Plummer, Reed, Ryan.— 9.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the second order, as follows, was considered: —

Ordered, That the Franklin School-house, or some other suitable building, be appropriated to the uses of the said Industrial Institute, and that it bear the name of the Franklin Industrial School.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the order was amended so as to read as follows: —

Ordered, That the old Franklin School-house, or some other suitable building, be appropriated to and fitted for the uses of the said Industrial Institute, and that it bear the name of the Franklin Industrial School.

Passed as amended.

The third order, as follows: —

Ordered, That the management of the said school be vested in a committee of three members of the School Board, to be appointed by His Honor the Mayor; and that said committee be authorized to appoint an advisory committee to act with them, consisting of gentlemen at large, who, in their judgment, are best fitted to assist and advise them,

Passed.

Mr. Blake, for the Committee on the Fourth Division, offered the following: —

Change in district lines, Prince School.

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses consider the expediency of changing the district lines of the Prince School, and report at the first regular meeting in January, 1880.

Passed.

Report of Com. on Fourth Division on matters relating to Prince School.

Mr. Blake, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Oct. 28 — an order to report what changes should be made in the relations now existing between the Prince School and Brimmer School, reported that any change is inexpedient until new district lines are adopted for the Prince School.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Finney, the Board adjourned at five minutes before ten o'clock.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES, Jr.,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Nov. 25, 1879.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: All the members, except Messrs. Fox, Hayes, Hobbs, and Ryan.

On motion of Mr. Brewer, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Reports of Com. on Nominations.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on Nominations, on the recommendation of the Committee on Evening Schools, nominated for election Wm. G. Babcock, as principal of the Warrenton-street Evening School.

Election principal Warrenton-street Evening-School.

On motion of Mr. Plummer, the Board proceeded to ballot.

The chair appointed Messrs. Fletcher, Haynes, and Fallon, a committee to collect, sort, and count the ballots.

The committee, having attended to that duty, reported as follows: —

Whole number of votes, 15.

Necessary for a choice, 13.

Wm. G. Babcock had 15, and was accordingly declared elected as principal of the Warrenton-street Evening School.

On motion of Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, it was

Resignation of Louisa P. Smith.

Ordered, That the vote of the Board — Oct. 28 — accepting the resignation of Louisa P. Smith, fourth assistant in the Mather District, to date from Oct. 15, be reconsidered, and

Reconsideration.

Ordered, That the resignation of Louisa P. Smith, fourth assistant in the Mather District, be accepted, to take effect Nov. 1, 1879.

Close of schools Nov. 26.

On motion of Mr. Finney, it was

Ordered, That the sessions of the public schools close at noon on Wednesday, Nov. 26.

On motion of Mr. W. T. Adams it was

Sidewalk Thetford-avenue school.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to cause a plank walk to be laid through Homer street for the accommodation of pupils attending the Thetford-avenue School.

Nellie M. Gustin admitted to school without certificate of vaccination.

Mr. W. T. Adams, for the Committee on the Ninth Division, presented a communication from James T. Sherman, M.D., certifying that Nellie M. Gustin, residing in the Mather District, is subject to attacks of *purpura hæmorrhagica*, and that vaccination would be detrimental to health, and perhaps endanger her life. In consideration of this fact Mr. Adams offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Committee on the Ninth Division be authorized to admit Nellie M. Gustin to any school under their charge without a certificate of vaccination, provided that she be discharged whenever it shall come to the knowledge of her teacher that small-pox or varioloid exists in the district.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Additional copies (Doc. 29.) list of text-books, etc.

On motion of Mr. Finney, for the Committee on Supplies, it was

Ordered, That 1,600 additional copies of Document 29, 1879, including lists of text-books, courses of study, etc., be printed for the use of High, Grammar, and Primary School instructors.

On motion of Mr. Perkins, for the Committee on the Third Division, it was

Leave of ab-

Ordered, That leave of absence, until April 1, 1880, be

granted to Eliza A. Fay, third assistant in the Bowdoin District.

sence to Eliza A. Fay.

Mr. Perkins, for the same committee, presented a communication from the Board of Health, and offered the following: —

Wall-street school, accommodations for.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to provide new quarters for the accommodation of the pupils of the Wall-st. school, as the building which they now occupy has been declared unhealthy by the Board of Health, and has long been so considered by the committee in charge.

Passed.

On motion of Mr. Collar, it was

Ordered, That five thousand copies of the Annual School Report for 1879 (Doc. 30) be printed.

Annual school report, edition of.

On motion of Mr. Collar, it was

Ordered, That twenty-five hundred copies of the Annual School Report for 1879, with accompanying documents, be printed.

Mr. Fallon, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred — Oct. 28 — an order concerning the tenure of office of instructors, submitted a majority report of that committee, signed by Messrs. Hobbs, Brewer, Haynes, and Fallon, in favor of restoring the rules so as to provide for the annual election of instructors

Majority and minority reports of Com. on Rules and Regulations; tenure of office of instructors.

Mr. W. T. Adams submitted a minority report on the subject, in favor of the election of instructors to serve during the pleasure of the School Committee.

On motion of Mr. Fallon, both reports were laid on the table, and ordered to be printed. [Doc. 31, 1879.]

On motion of Mr. Finney, it was

Ordered, That the opinion of the City Solicitor be requested on the following questions: —

Opinion of City Solicitor.

1. Have the School Committee the legal right to elect teachers without specifying the time of service?

2. After the election of teachers, do they continue in service until otherwise ordered by the School Committee?

Report Com. on School-Houses; additional accommodations Lewis District.

Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on School Houses, to whom was referred — Sept. 23 — an order for additional primary accommodations in the Lewis District, reported that, as arrangements have been made providing for the surplus of primary pupils, no further action is necessary.

Accepted.

Remodelling of Horace Mann School-house.

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, to whom was referred — July 8 — an order for remodelling the Horace Mann School building, reported that, as on account of the rapidly increasing demands of the school an entire change of accommodations will soon become imperative, the order for remodelling the present building ought not to pass.

Accepted.

Report Com. on Licensed Minors; admission of girls.

Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on Schools for Licensed Minors, who were directed — March 11 — to consider and report a plan for the admission of girls to the schools for Licensed Minors, reported that as there is nothing in the ordinances passed by the City Council that prohibits the attendance of girls, and as the recent amendment to Sect. 328 of the Regulations provides for the admission of licensed minors without reference to sex, the committee consider further action unnecessary.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Bowditch, it was

Annual exhibitions.

Ordered, That the Board of Supervisors be requested to consider and report upon the expediency of regulating the annual exhibitions of the Grammar and High Schools, in order to render them better exponents of the progress and attainments of the pupils in their various studies.

Report of Com. Sewing.

Mr. Winship, for the Committee on Sewing, presented

the annual report of that committee, which was accepted, and, on motion of Mr. Finney, ordered to be printed. [Doc. 32, 1879.]

On motion of Mr. Reed, for the Committee on Evening Schools, it was

Instruction in Hygiene, Evening High School.

Ordered, That instruction in hygiene be allowed in the Evening High School.

On motion of Mr. Reed, for the same committee, it was

Classes in language, Evening High School.

Ordered, That the Committee on Evening Schools be empowered to establish a class or classes in the languages, in the Evening High School, if, in their judgment, they deem it advisable.

On motion of Mr. Reed, for the same committee, it was

Text-books Elementary Evening Schools

Ordered, That the Franklin Primer and Franklin Writing Arithmetic be authorized as text-books in the Evening Elementary Schools.

On motion of Mr. Reed, for the same committee, it was

Instructors to teach English to German pupils in Elementary Evening Schools

Ordered, That the Committee on Evening Schools be authorized to employ as many teachers as may be required in the Evening Elementary Schools, who have received the certificate of qualification, to teach English to German pupils.

On motion of Mr. Finney, the Board adjourned at twenty minutes after eight o'clock.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES, Jr.,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Dec. 9, 1879.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the Vice-President in the chair.

Present: All the members, except His Honor the Mayor, Messrs. Blake, Brewer, Flint, Fox, and Hayes.

On motion of Mr. Fallon, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following nominations: — Reports of Com. on Nominations.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

West Roxbury High. — Alla W. Foster, fourth assistant. Confirmation of teachers.

Adams District. — Joel C. Bolan, second assistant.

Mt. Vernon District. — Achsa M. Merrill, fourth assistant.

Winthrop District. — Cornelia M. Sullivan, third assistant.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Rice District. — Dora Williams, fourth assistant, from Oct. 13, 1879. Teachers elected.

Adams District. — Mary A. Palmer and Emma M. Weston, fourth assistants, from Oct. 1, 1879; and Alice M. Porter, fourth assistant, from Nov. 1, 1879.

Accepted.

FOR TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Central District. — Annie C. Gott, fourth assistant, from Dec. 1, 1879.

Lawrence District. — Sarah E. Stumpf, third assistant, from Sept. 1, 1879.

Accepted.

Confirmation of assistants in Evening Schools.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, on the recommendation of the Committee on Evening Schools, reported for confirmation the following named assistants in Evening Schools, — term of service to begin Nov. 10, 1879: —

Anderson Street. — Israel A. Blair, M. Ella Pitcher, Elizabeth N. Smith, Sarah E. Stumpf, Mary E. Symonds.

Blossom Street. — Mary L. Bibbey, Eudora F. Bickford, Hattie A. Littlefield, Ida A. Merriam, Ella E. Morrill, Mary Murphy, Mary A. Perry, Willard B. Tanner.

Brighton. — Annie D. Clough, Sylvia A. Richards, Eliza M. Warren.

339 Broadway. — Elizabeth K. Bolton, Mary E. Collins, Kate A. Coolidge, Carrie A. Farrell, Katie E. Fitzgerald, Minnie E. Flynn, Carrie T. Hale, Hannah L. McGlinchy, Mary E McGraw, John G. Norris, Lizzie O'Reilley.

Cabot Street. — Abbie E. Batchelder, Sarah E. Deane, Jane E. Gormley, Alicia F. McDonald, Climena B. Moore, Hattie D. Mulliken, Edward W. Shannon, Alice G. Stockman.

Charlestown. — Lucy M. Bosworth, William A. Cottle, Abby S. Hapgood, Agnes McGowan, Kate M. Porter.

Dorchester. — Ellen A. Brown, Susan Knott, Frances R. Newcomb.

Dudley Street. — M. C. B. Cordeiro, Florence I. Drake, Annie L. Newcomb, Edward E. Sparhawk, Emma J. Vose, Siegfried Wolffsohn.

East Boston. — Edward W. Crane, Mary A. Damon,

Cora V. George, Mary S. Low, Sarah A. Overend, Nellie L. Poole, Nellie B. Tucker.

Hudson Street. — Charles W. Benton, Mary A. Carney, Mary E. Corbett, Martha R. Griswold, Elizabeth A. Mahoney, Mary E. Wilder.

Jamaica Plain. — Carrie H. Summers, Katie S. Summers.

Lincoln School-house. — Florence Cahill, Arthur P. French, Dora Morrison, Mary B. Powers, Laura S. Russell, Florence N. Sloane.

Neponset. — Clara M. Moseley, Winella W. Stratton.

No. Bennet Street. — Frederick W. Bliss, Margaret Coyle, Emma S. Fisk, Katie Haushalter, Fannie Leahy, Daniel J. Mullen, Mary G. Ruxton.

Old Franklin. — Carrie L. Baker, M. Lizzie Bryant, Minnie Colburn, Nellie C. McDermott, Mary E. Noonan, Lizzie E. O'Connell, Alice M. Porter, William M. Stockbridge, Ida F. Taylor.

Evening High School. — Charles E. Stetson, from Dec. 1, 1879.

Accepted.

Resignation of Mary A. Emery.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, reported the resignation of Mary A. Emery, third assistant in the Harvard District, to take effect Dec. 1, 1879.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Hyde, for the Committee on the Fifth Division, it was

Leave of absence to Henrietta Draper.

Ordered, That leave of absence until Jan. 1, 1880, be granted to Henrietta Draper, fourth assistant in the Dwight District, and

Mary L. Farrington, substitute.

Ordered, That Mary L. Farrington be approved as a substitute for Henrietta Draper.

On motion of Mr. Hyde, for the same committee, it was

Leave of ab-

Ordered, That leave of absence until Jan. 1, 1880, be

sence to Ann R. Gavett.

granted to Ann R. Gavett, third assistant in the Everett District, and

Ida A. Merriam, substitute.

Ordered, That Ida A. Merriam be employed as a substitute for Ann R. Gavett.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on the First Division, offered the following: —

Salary of Joel C. Bolan.

Ordered, That Joel C. Bolan, second assistant in the Adams District, be paid the maximum salary of his grade from Sept. 1, 1879.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

On motion of Miss Peabody, it was

Vacation, Public Schools.

Ordered, That the public schools be closed at 12 o'clock, on Wednesday, December 24th, to reopen on Monday, Jan. 5th.

Mr. Bowditch, for the committee on the Eighth Division, offered the following: —

Salary of Achsa M. Merrill.

Ordered, That Achsa M. Merrill, fourth assistant in the Mt. Vernon District, in consideration of previous service, be placed upon the maximum salary of the grade, to date from Dec. 1, 1879.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

On motion of Mr. Reed, for the Committee on Evening Schools, it was

Vacation, Evening Schools.

Ordered, That on account of the delay incident upon the opening of the Evening High and Elementary Schools, the two weeks of vacation required by Sect. 336 of the Regulations be dispensed with for the present year, and the sessions of the evening schools be suspended on the evenings of Dec. 24th, 25th, and 26th.

On motion of Mr. Reed, for the same committee, it was

Text-books for language classes in Evening High Schools.

Ordered, That the language classes in the Evening High School be allowed to use such text-books in the authorized list, as shall be approved by the Board of Supervisors.

On motion of Mr. Reed, for the same committee it was

Ordered, That the Supplementary Reading authorized for the day High Schools, be also authorized for use in the Evening High School.

Supplementary Reading, Evening High Schools.

On motion of Mr. Reed, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on Evening Schools be authorized to furnish suitable blanks for book-keeping to those Evening Elementary Schools in which they consider it advisable to have instruction given in that subject.

Book-keeping, blanks, Evening High Schools.

Mr. Fallon, for the Committee on Text-books, to whom was referred — October 8 — a request from the Committee on Sewing concerning "Tilton's Plain Needle-work," reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Report of Com. on Text-books.

Ordered, That "Tilton's Plain Needle-work" be furnished (one copy each) to all regular teachers of classes in which sewing is taught.

Tilton's plain needle-work.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Collar, for the Committee on the Annual Report, submitted in print [Doc. 30, 1879], the Annual Report of the School Committee for 1879.

Annual report, 1879.

On motion of Mr. Perkins, it was

Ordered, That the friends of Luther Whiting Mason, late special instructor of music in the public schools, be allowed to make use of the hall in the Girls' High School on Saturday, December 13, from 3 to 5 P.M., for the presentation of a testimonial to that gentleman, prior to his departure for Japan.

Testimonial to Luther W. Mason.

The Chair read the opinion of the City Solicitor on the questions referred to him by the School Board, November 25, as follows: —

Opinion of City Solicitor on Tenure of Office of Instructors.

1. Have the School Committee the legal right to elect teachers without specifying the time of service?

Answered in the affirmative.

2. After the election of teachers, do they continue in service until otherwise ordered by the School Committee?

Answered, that, in the opinion of the City Solicitor, such an employment would not be held to continue beyond the official term of the committee making the election or employment.

Placed on file.

Report of Com. on Salaries.

Mr. W. T. Adams, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred — Nov. 11 — an order to place Isabella Shove, fourth assistant in the Lowell District, upon the maximum salary, on account of previous service, reported that the teacher mentioned in the order is now about to enter upon her fourth year of service. Her school was at one time discontinued on account of the unsuitableness of the room she occupied, for school purposes, and she served as a temporary teacher under circumstances which this committee think entitle her to consideration. They regard her, therefore, as entitled to a credit of one year on this account, and they submit the following order, recommending its adoption as a substitute for the one referred to them.

Salary of Isabella Shove.

Ordered, That Isabella Shove, fourth assistant in the Lowell District, be placed upon her fifth year's service, to date from January 1, 1880.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Com. on Salaries.

Mr. W. T. Adams, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Nov. 11 — an order to place Caroline F. Cutler, fourth assistant in the Lowell District, upon the fourth year's salary, reported that the teacher named in the order was nominated on probation Oct. 1, 1879. She had had four years of successful experience in Hyde Park, and several years' experience in a reputable private school. The committee were of the opinion that her case comes within the meaning of the Rules, which provide that such experience shall be recognized in fixing the salary of the

teacher for the first five years of service; and they recommend the passage of the following order: —

Ordered, That Caroline F. Cutler, fourth assistant in the Lowell District, be placed upon the fourth year's service, to date from October 1, 1879. Salary of Caroline F. Cutler.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. W. T. Adams, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Nov. 11 — the recommendation of the Committee on the Third Division, that the sum of eighty dollars be paid to Sarah R. Smith for services as first assistant, on probation, in the Bowdoin District, from Oct. 1 to Nov. 3, reported that the teacher in favor of whom this recommendation is made was put on trial in the school by the Committee on the Third Division before she was provided with the Supervisors' certificate of qualification. She has since been examined, received her certificate, and been nominated on probation. Report of Com. on Salaries.

The Supreme Court has declared that "no one can be legally a teacher in any public school until he has received from the School Committee a written certificate of his qualification," and the Regulations of the Board are obedient to the law. But as this teacher was employed by the committee in charge of the Bowdoin School, and rendered the service specified, the committee are unanimous in their opinion that she ought to be paid for it, and they submit an order to this effect.

Ordered, That the sum of eighty dollars be paid to Sarah R. Smith for services rendered as first assistant in the Bowdoin District, from Oct. 1 to Nov. 3, 1879. Compensation to Sarah R. Smith.

Accepted, and the order passed.

On motion of Mr. Moran, the Board adjourned at five minutes before eight o'clock.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES, Jr.,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Dec. 23, 1879.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: All the members, except Messrs. Fox, Ryan, and Winship.

On motion of Mr. Finney, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following nominations: — Reports of Committee on Nominations.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Allston District. — Helen L. Brown and Anna M. Farrington, fourth assistants. Confirmation of teachers.

Comins District. — Emily F. Carpenter, first assistant, and Clara F. Stevenson, fourth assistant.

Rice District. — Joseph L. Caverly, second sub-master.

Shurtleff District. — Mary E. O'Connor, fourth assistant.

Wells District. — Alicia B. Collison, fourth assistant.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

East Boston Branch High School. — Emily J. Tucker, fourth assistant, from Jan. 5, 1880. Nomination of teachers.

Andrew District. — Ella A. Orr and Jennie L. Story, fourth assistants, from Dec. 1 and Dec. 15, 1879, respectively.

Dillaway District. — Jane S. Leavitt, first assistant, and Mary C. Whippey, second assistant, from Jan. 1, 1880.

Harvard District. — Lucy A. Wilson, fourth assistant, from Dec. 1, 1879.

Lawrence District. — Mary E. Flynn, fourth assistant, from Dec. 1, 1879.

Accepted.

FOR TEMPORARY TEACHER.

Temporary teacher.

Lawrence District. — Sarah E. Stumpf, third assistant, from Dec. 1, 1879.

Accepted.

Confirmation of assistants in Evening Schools.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, on the recommendation of the Committee on Evening Schools, reported for confirmation the following-named assistants in Evening Schools : —

Evening High School. — Carl Jonsen, from Nov. 15, 1879.

Anderson Street. — Emma M. Weston, from Nov. 10 to 24, 1879.

Blossom Street. — Eudora F. Sumner, from Nov. 10, 1879.

Dorchester. — Helen F. Burgess, from Nov. 10 to 24, 1879.

Warrenton Street. — L. Fanny Babcock and John L. Emmons, from Nov. 10, 1879.

Accepted.

Resignation of Mary I. Roper.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, reported the resignation of Mary I. Roper, third assistant in the Gibson District, to take effect Jan. 1, 1880.

Accepted.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Regulations be amended as follows, so as to no longer provide for the change of rank of instructors during the year: —

Rules and Regulations, amendments proposed Sects. 226, 246. Change of rank of instructors.

Sect. 226, paragraph 4. — Strike out all of the section to and including "action of the Board," in the third line on page 52. Sect. 246, paragraph 3. — Strike out all of the section to and including "action of the Board," in the third line on page 59.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

On motion of Mr. Finney, it was

Ordered, That when this Board adjourn, it be to meet on Tuesday, January 6, at 7.30 P.M.

Adjournment.

Mr. Hobbs, for the Committee on the Normal School, presented a petition from the "Boston Woman's Christian Temperance Union," praying for the use of the hall of the Rice School building on Saturday afternoons, as a place of meeting for the "Boston Boys' Temperance Union," and moved that it be referred, with full powers, to the Committee on School Houses.

Petition from Boston Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

Mr. Chapin moved that the petition be granted.

Mr. Hayes moved that it be referred, with full powers, to the Committee on the Normal School.

Mr. Hobbs's motion was lost by a vote of 7 to 10.

Mr. Hayes's motion was lost by a vote of 4 to 12.

Mr. Chapin's motion was lost.

Mr. Hobbs presented a petition from Mr. L. W. Mason, praying that he be reimbursed certain sums expended by him since 1873, while instructor of music in the public schools.

Petition from Luther W. Mason.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Supplies.

Mr. Finney, for the Committee on Supplies, to whom was referred — March 11 — an order instructing them to cause to be published such number of charts of the School

Repor of Committee on Supplies on charts of school districts.

Districts as they may deem necessary, reported that they have delayed taking action in the matter on account of proposed changes in district lines (such changes not having yet been acted upon), and requested that they be granted further time, until the alterations shall have been completed.

Accepted.

Salary of Joel C. Bolan.

Mr. Hayes, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred — Dec. 9 — an order to pay Joel C. Bolan, second assistant in the Adams District, the maximum salary of his rank, from September 1, 1879, reported that the committee have considered the subject, and as this application is not within the rules which this committee have adopted for their guidance in such cases, the order ought not to pass.

Accepted.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on the First Division, after a brief explanation, renewed the order, as follows: —

Ordered, That Joel C. Bolan, second assistant in the Adams District, be paid the maximum salary of his grade from Sept. 1, 1879.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Report of Committee on Truant Officers.

Mr. Fletcher, for the Committee on Truant Officers, in accordance with the requirements of the Rules and Regulations, submitted the following report of the work of the truant force during the past year: —

Number of cases investigated, 19,402; found to be truants, 2,978; put into school, 511; complained of as habitual truants, 129; as absentees, 41; as neglected children, 68; for other offences, 7. Of these cases the number put on probation was 52; sentenced to the House of Reformation, 123; to the Almshouse School, 68.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Hayes, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred — Dec. 9 — an order that Achsa M. Merrill, fourth assistant in the Mount Vernon District, be placed upon the maximum salary of the rank, from Dec. 1, 1879, in consideration of previous services, reported that this teacher has had five years' experience in Boston and its vicinity. She instructs six Primary and three Grammar classes, into which her fifty pupils are divided, and her school is two miles from the Grammar School, in a neighborhood undesirable as a residence, but with no public conveyance to other settled parts of the district, so that she is obliged to incur the expense of carriage-hire in going to and from her school. The principal reports her to be a very efficient teacher in a position where another had failed.

In consideration of her previous service, and of the other reasons given, the committee recommend the passage of the order in an amended form: —

Salary of Achsa M. Merrill.

Ordered, That Achsa M. Merrill, fourth assistant in the Mount Vernon District, be placed upon her sixth year's service, of that rank, to date from December 1, 1879.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Discharge of janitor of Cottage-place School-house.

Mr. W. T. Adams, for the Committee on Accounts, reported the discharge of the janitor of the Cottage-place School, the building being now unoccupied, to take effect Dec. 20, 1879.

Accepted, and the discharge approved.

Report of Com. on Accts. Supt. of Janitors.

Mr. W. T. Adams, for the Committee on Accounts, to whom was referred — May 26 — an order to report to the Board whether it is expedient to appoint a person to serve as chief janitor, to be charged with the duty of supervising janitors, inspecting the condition and working of the heating and ventilating apparatus in school build-

ings, and particularly of attending to all matters of drainage, reported as follows : —

The pressure of business upon the individual members of the committee at the close of the last school year prevented the consideration of the order before the beginning of the present school year, since which time it has received the careful attention of the committee.

No member of the committee appeared to be in favor of establishing a position to be filled by a high-salaried official.

The erection of school-buildings, or any extensive alteration or repairs of them, is in the hands of the City Council, though the plans for such building or improvement must be approved by the School Committee. The city employs officials in its architectural and engineering departments who are supposed to be fully informed on the subjects of ventilation and drainage. If the School Board desire to obtain independent advice before approving the plans submitted by the City Council, nothing less than the opinions of a competent and skilful engineer would satisfy their requirements. The salary of such an official could hardly be less than three or four thousand dollars a year. The instances in which the advice of such an engineer would be of actual service to the Board are not more than one or two in a year. Most of the difficulties resulting from bad ventilation and drainage are discovered after the erection of the building; and, when they can be remedied at all, it is generally at an expenditure of a few dollars, or a few hundred dollars. But this Board has not even an advisory voice in the correction of such defects.

If the Board employed an engineer, competent to deal with these minor defects, he would have no authority, and no official connection with the City Council, or with the officials who direct the repairs or alterations.

In the capacity of "chief janitor," the burden of such an official's labors would be the inspection of the work of the janitors; and this part of his duties hardly requires the services of a professional engineer.

The studying up of a system of ventilation, or of drainage, for a large building, requires abilities not needed for the burden of the work, such as seeing that a building is properly heated, that the ashes are sifted, the cellars kept in order, and that out-buildings are neatly kept.

This committee are of the opinion that it is inexpedient to create an office whose incumbent shall discharge the various duties described in the order.

But this committee find it necessary that some sort of an official should be appointed in connection with the work of the janitors. Before the beginning of the present school year, the auditing clerk, with a horse and carriage provided by the city, was available to the committee, when a visit to a school-house became necessary in order to inspect the heating apparatus, to investigate a complaint against a janitor, or for any other service.

Now the office work of the auditing clerk is sufficient to keep him busily employed, so that no one is at hand to answer the frequent calls for investigation at the school-houses. The janitor of the Mason-street building has proved himself to be a faithful, competent, and effective man, not only in the duties required of one in his position, but in a great variety of others. As an assistant janitor is employed at the rooms, partly to relieve the night officer, it was proposed in the committee, that the janitor, with a small increase of his salary, be made available for the duty indicated.

A month ago the committee instructed the auditing clerk, as an experiment, to employ the janitor for the purposes stated, and to examine into the condition of the

school-houses and heating-apparatus. The experiment was continued three weeks, and the janitor made a report which was entirely satisfactory to the committee.

After this trial of the plan the committee were satisfied that its adoption would realize all the practicable advantages of the appointment of a chief janitor. They, therefore, — if this report should be accepted by the Board, — propose to appoint the janitor of the rooms to perform the duties indicated, under the direction of the auditing clerk.

They do not propose to give him any especial authority over the janitors, or to apply any particular title to his position. The additional expense incurred by this arrangement will be less than two hundred dollars, though it may become necessary to expend another small amount for the relief of the night officer.

Mr. Adams read several extracts from the report of the condition of the school buildings as rendered by the janitor of Mason-street building.

On motion of Mr. Chapin the report of the Committee on Accounts was amended by striking out the words "under the direction of the auditing clerk."

The report was accepted.

Majority and minority reports Committee on Rules and Regulations, on tenure of office of instructors.

On motion of Mr. Wm. T. Adams, the majority and minority reports of the Committee on Rules and Regulations on tenure of office of instructors [Doc. 31, 1879] were taken from the table.

Mr. Adams moved the substitution of the minority report for the majority report.

Yeas and nays.

After considerable discussion Mr. Moran moved that the question be taken by yeas and nays.

Passed.

Mr. Hayes moved the previous question.

Passed.

The motion to substitute the minority for the majority

report passed by a vote of 11 to 10, the Chair throwing the casting vote.

Yeas: The Mayor, Miss Peabody, Messrs. W. T. Adams, Blake, Bowditch, Collar, Finney, Flint, Haynes, Hyde, and Perkins. — 11. Yeas and nays

Nays: Messrs. B. Adams, Brewer, Chapin, Cutter, Fallon, Hayes, Hobbs, Moran, Plummer, and Reed. — 10.

On motion of Mr. Finney, the report was laid on the table.

Mr. Hayes, for the Committee on the Fourth Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to provide additional accommodations for the Prince School. Additional accommodations, Prince School.

Read, and referred with full powers, to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Perkins, for the Committee on Drawing and Music, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Committee on Supplies be recommended to authorize the Committee on Drawing and Music to expend the sum of fifty dollars in purchasing casts for the Roxbury Free Evening Drawing School. Casts for Roxbury Free Evening Drawing School.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Supplies.

On motion of Mr. Finney, the Board adjourned at half-past nine o'clock.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES, Jr.,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Jan. 6, 1880.

An adjourned meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the Vice-President in the chair.

Present: All the members, except His Honor the Mayor, Messrs. Brewer, Flint, Fox, Hayes, Ryan, and Winship.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following nominations: — Reports of Com. on Nominations.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Girls' High School. — Charlotte M. Gardner, fourth assistant. Confirmation of teachers.

Brimmer District. — L. Maria Stetson, third assistant.

Central District. — Mary E. Driscoll, fourth assistant.

Charles Sumner District. — Elvira L. Austin, third assistant.

Dillaway District. — Lydia G. Wentworth, third assistant.

Dwight District. — Lizzie G. Howes, third assistant.

Everett District. — Florence A. Perry, fourth assistant.

Franklin District. — Hattie Mann, fourth assistant.

Frothingham District. — Abbie C. McAuliffe, fourth assistant.

Harris District. — E. Maria Harriman, second assistant, and Emma F. Simmons, third assistant.

Hillside District. — Ida H. Adams, fourth assistant.

Lewis District. — Annie W. Seaverns, fourth assistant.

Lowell District. — Caroline F. Cutler, fourth assistant.

Phillips District. — Alice M. Cushing, third assistant.

Prescott District. — Lydia E. Hapenny, fourth assistant.

Quincy District. — Kate T. Murtagh, third assistant.

Warren District. — Mary E. Pierce, third assistant.

Wells District. — Sarah G. Fogarty, fourth assistant.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Nomination of teachers.

Dudley District. — Henry L. Clapp, sub-master, from February 1, 1880.

Franklin District. — Florence Dix, third assistant, from Jan. 1, 1880.

Gaston District. — Carrie A. Harlow, fourth assistant, from Nov. 3, 1879.

Accepted.

Resignation of teachers.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, reported the following resignations: —

Charles Sumner District. — Ellen B. De Costa, fourth assistant, to take effect Feb. 1, 1880.

Franklin District. — Mary L. Wheeler, third assistant, to take effect Jan. 1, 1880.

Accepted.

Mr. W. T. Adams, for the Committee on Accounts, offered the following: —

Suspension of public schools on account of expenditure of appropriation.

Whereas, The City Council for the municipal year, 1879, reduced the appropriation for school expenditures asked for by the Committee on Accounts in the sum of $118,133; and

Whereas, The amount appropriated for school purposes by the City Council for the current financial year will be expended before the end of the year; therefore, in compliance with the direction of the City Council, it is

Ordered, That all the public schools of the City of Boston "be discontinued for the residue of the year," from and including February 21, 1880; and that all instructors be discharged from the service of the city at the close of school hours, on the twentieth day of February, 1880.

Ordered, That a certified copy of this order be sent by the Secretary to the City Council.

Mr. Adams, in explanation of the above orders, read a communication from the Committee on Accounts, prepared to be sent to the City Council, asking for additional appropriation.

On motion of Mr. B. Adams, the orders were laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. B. Adams, it was

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to confer with the City Council, and to request additional appropriations to enable the Board to carry on the schools till the close of the current financial year.

Committee to confer with City Council appointed.

The Chair appointed the Committee on Accounts, consisting of Messrs. Wm. T. Adams, Winship, Hayes, Reed, and Moran, to constitute such committee.

Miss Peabody, for the Committee on High Schools, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the sum of sixty-three dollars be paid to Eugene Raymond, special teacher of French in the English High School, to make up the full sum that he should receive for the school year ending September 1, 1879, on a basis of twenty-two and two-tenths hours a week of actual service in the school-room.

Salary of Eugene Raymond.

Read, and referred, with full powers, to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Collar offered the following: —

Verbatim reports of proceedings of School Board.

Ordered, That the Committee on Supplies be requested to consider the advisability of fuller reports of the proceedings of this Board in one or more of the daily newspapers of this city.

On motion of Mr. Reed, the order was amended so as to provide for verbatim reports in one newspaper.

The order passed as amended.

Report of Committee on Schools for Licensed Minors.

Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on Schools for Licensed Minors, submitted the following report: —

The schools, two in number, located on North Margin street and East-street place, are in charge of female assistants, under the supervision of the masters of the Eliot and Bowditch schools, respectively.

During the past year the regulations have been amended so as to provide for the admission of girls, as well as boys, to these schools.

The school in North Margin street numbers sixty-one pupils,— forty-one boys (thirty-seven boot-blacks and four newsboys), and twenty girls (pedlers). The ages of the pupils are between nine and fifteen years.

The school in East-street place numbers twenty boys (nineteen newsboys and one boot-black). The ages of these are between twelve and eighteen years.

The teachers are faithful and devoted to their work, the regulations are complied with, and the schools are in a favorable condition.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on Supplies on petition of Luther W. Mason.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on Supplies, to whom was referred — Dec. 23, 1879.— a petition from Luther W. Mason, praying that he be reimbursed certain sums expended by him since 1873, — while instructor of music

in the public schools, — reported at length, substantially as follows: that as Mr. Mason made the various outlays entirely on his own responsibility, and, so far as the committee are aware, with no expectation that the city would bear any part of the expense, and in view of the existing state of the school finances, the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

Accepted.

Mr. B. Adams moved to adjourn.

Lost.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations on Tenure of Office of Instructors.

Mr. W. T. Adams moved that the Report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations on Tenure of Office of Instructors [Doc. 31, 1879] be taken from the table.

Lost.

Mr. W. T. Adams offered the following: —

Vote of thanks to His Honor, Mayor Prince.

Ordered, That the thanks of the School Committee be presented to the Hon. Frederick O. Prince, the President of the Board, for the impartial and very courteous manner in which he has presided over its deliberations during the municipal year now closing, for the unusual frequency with which he has attended the meetings of the Board, for the interest he has manifested in the schools, and for his able and encouraging representation of the educational interests of the city on public occasions.

Ordered, That the School Committee tender to the President of the Board an expression of their sincere sympathy in the severe bereavement to which he has been recently subjected.

Passed unanimously by a rising vote.

Mr. Reed offered the following: —

Vote of thanks to Vice-President Wm. H. Finney.

That the thanks of this Board be presented to Mr. William H. Finney for the able and courteous manner in which he has presided over the deliberations of the same in the absence of His Honor the Mayor.

Passed unanimously, by a rising vote.

The Vice-President responded in a brief address, in which he reviewed the work of the Board for the year.

On motion of Mr. Reed, it was

Ordered, That all unfinished business be referred to the next School Board.

Unfinished business referred.

On motion of Mr. Fallon, the Board adjourned at twenty minutes after nine o'clock, *sine die.*

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES, Jr.,
Secretary.

INDEX.

Page

Accounts. Committee on. (See Com. on Accounts.)
Adams, Brooks, resignation on Committee on Nominations 25
Rules and Regulations 220
Charles L., election of 218
Ida H., confirmation of 270
nomination of 195
substitute 9
Julia L., confirmation of 21
Sarah E., confirmation of 69
nomination of 31
Adjournment 8, 51, 62, 74, 86, 104, 125, 133, 152, 175, 261
Alden, A. E., petition from 62, 79
Aldrich, Jessie S., substitute 54
Allston District; boundary lines 118, 130, 131
School; two third assistants instead of second sub-master 95
Ames, Martha H., confirmation of 84
nomination of 12
transfer of 232
Andrew District; boundary lines 103, 131, 132
Annual appointment of Committee on Primary School Instruction 192, 196
election of instructors; rules amended 210, 211
exhibitions, dates of 130, 134
regulation of 248
Report, Committee on 192
edition of 247
submitted 255
School Festival, Committee on. (See Com. on Annual School Festival.)
date of 126
dispensing with 78, 102
graduates of High and Normal Schools excused from participation 149
Anthony, A. J., election of 150
Apparatus for metric system 87, 118
Appointment of chief janitor 104, 266
special committees, rules amended 197
Appropriation for Industrial School 34, 79
Public Schools exhausted 270, 271
Arithmetics to be returned to principals 36
Arnold, Louise P., confirmation of 84
salary of 103, 181, 182
Ashmont Station, Primary School near 40, 132
Astronomy omitted, third year in High Schools 188
Attendance of pupils in districts outside of residence 55, 218

Page
Atwood, Flora C., confirmation of 84
Auburn Primary School, yard room 147
Auditing Clerk and Secretary, compensation to 218
elected 4
resignation of 151
to appoint assistants 181
committee appointed to nominate candidate 173
duties of 178
rules amended 211, 212
elected 180
nomination of 153
pro tem.; Geo. A. Smith nominated 175
salary of 181, 189, 190
Clerk's department, salaries of assistants 181, 189, 190
Austin, Elvira L., confirmation of 269
renomination of 156

Babcock, Wm. G., election of 245
Babson, Abby H., temporary teacher 22
Thomas M., election of 203
Baker, Abby L., leave of absence 237
Lucas, salary of 174
Barry, Althea W., confirmation of 231
nomination of 100
renomination of 156
temporary teacher 22
Thomas J., election of 202
salary of 224
Bartlett, Geo. H., election of 150
street, sidewalk paved 47
Bates, Jeannie, renomination of 156
Phineas, Jr., elected Secretary 181
Beck, Larry G., election of 232
Becker, Sarah L., confirmation of 84
nomination of 11
Beede, Emma S., confirmation of 21
Bennett District; boundary lines 118, 130, 131
John A., election of 232
Bense, J. Annie, confirmation of 21
Berry, A. Hun, election of 235
Bigelow District; boundary lines 132
Florence J., temporary teacher 222
Blake, John G., resignation on Committee on Drawing and Music 7
Horace Mann School 24
Board of Health, communication from 48, 78, 247
report of 16
Investigation of Plan for Supplies 177
Supervisors. (See Supervisors.)
Boies, E. Elizabeth, leave of absence 24
Bolan, Joel C., confirmation of 251
nomination of 99
renomination of 156

Page
Bolan, Joel C., salary of....254, 262
substitute 86
Book-keeping blanks for Evening Schools.... 255
text-book for, in English High School.... 55
Books and blanks, application for, rules amended 213
for indigent pupils, rules amended.... 213
of reference, etc., rules amended 215
Booth, Clara H., nomination of 221
Borden, Mattie K., confirmation of 84
nomination of 83
temporary teacher 41
Boston Woman's Christian Temperance Union, petition from.... 261
Boundary lines, Allston District....118, 130, 131
Andrew District 103, 131, 132
Bennett District 118, 130, 131
Bigelow District.... 132
Comins District 216, 217
Dillaway District 216, 217
Eliot District 14
Gibson District 134, 165, 166
High School Districts....120, 130, 167
Mather District 134, 165, 166, 167
Norcross District 132
Phillips District....14, 15
in Seventh Division....136, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165
Sherwin District 136, 165
Shurtleff District....103, 132
Bowditch, H. P., resignation from Committee on Investigation.... 182
Bowdoin School, discontinuance of 91, 118, 119
Bowker, Hattie J., confirmation of 84
nomination of.... 12
Boynton, Elizabeth P., leave of absence.... 78
Brackett, Caroline M., death of 55
Walter F., election of 235
Bradley, Ella, confirmation of.... 100
nomination of.... 99
temporary teacher 42
Breckenridge, Ida J., confirmation of.... 41
Brewer, Thomas M., appointed on Committee on Horace Mann School, Nominations, and Second and Fifth Divisions .. 25
Rules and Regulations.... 29
election of 17
petition for recount of votes 6, 17
amendment to.... 7
Brigham, Angelina A., resignation of.... 13
Brighton High School, petition for continuance.... 98
Brimmer District; separation of Exeter-street School..91, 125, 126, 128, 192, 195, 228, 243
School Association, petition from....80, 203
building; alterations....149, 160, 161
Brintnall, Benj., and others, petition from.... 147
Brooks, Mary E., certificate to.... 15
Brown, Alice M., confirmation of 100

Page
Brown, Alice M., nomination of 31
Helen L., confirmation of 259
nomination of 59
renomination of 156
temporary teacher 10, 12
Buckley, Martha G., confirmation of 100
nomination of 65
Bunker, Alfred, confirmation of 69
Bunker Hill School-house; suitable wash-room 168
Burbank, Ella L., confirmation of 69
Burgess, Betsey P., leave of absence 48
Burrill, Emily B., confirmation of 31

Calder, Edna F., nomination of 186
position of 234
salary of 199, 206, 234, 238
Candidates, additional, eligible as teachers 152
Canvass of teachers for reëlection 145, 170
Carney, Jennie M., confirmation of 69
Mary A., substitute 28
Carpenter, Emily F., confirmation of 259
nomination of 155
reconsidered 191
Carrigan, Edward C., election of 233
Carter, Charles M., election of 218
Caverly, Joseph L., confirmation of 259
nomination of 143
renomination of 156
Certificate of fourth grade to Mary E. Brooks 15
service of third grade to Mary G. C. Leavitt 36, 42
Certificates of election of new members, committee to collect 3
second grade, principals of evening elementary schools to hold 234
service, fourth grade instead of fifth 36, 42
special grade, rules amended 212, 225
report 4
Chamberlain, Mary I., confirmation of 53
Change in school year 119, 120
of district lines 91
name of Dorchester Evening School 24
Dudley School for girls 26
Chapin, Nahum, appointed chairman of Committee on Licensed Minors 219
Charles, Mary L., confirmation of 84
leave of absence 86
Salem D, election of 233
Charles Sumner building to be closed 16
District; transportation of pupils 182, 223
Washington-street Primary School, petition for reopening, 191, 223
Charlestown High School, advanced course 173
house; change in heating apparatus 167, 168
Charts of School Districts 35, 261
Chase, Celia M., confirmation of 84

Page
Chase, Celia M., nomination of 12
salary of 24, 43
temporary teacher 12
Cheney, Jennie A., resignation of 28
Chief janitor, appointed 266
appointment proposed 104
of Truant Officers, abolishment of office 179, 217
to report to Superintendent 39, 45
Child, Dudley R., and others, petition from 51
Childs, Harold C., confirmation of 84
City Clerk, communication from 3
Council, committee to confer with 271
communication to 271
Solicitor, opinion of 241, 255, 256
requested 247
Clapp, Henry L., nomination of 270
Classification of Primary Schools 146, 170
teachers for reëlection 119, 171, 172
Clay, Charles L., temporary teacher 99
Clough, Annie D., term of service 18
Coburn, Elizabeth C., confirmation of 84
Collison, Alicia B., confirmation of 259
nomination of 156
Colomy, Emma F., confirmation of 69
Color perception, report of Dr. B. Joy Jeffries 61
Comer's system of book-keeping adopted 207
Comins District, boundary lines 161, 162, 216 217
Committee on Accounts, duties of; rules amended 208
granted further time 174
matters referred 34, 48, 104
John B. Moran appointed 199
report 13, 43, 78, 80, 174, 263, 264, 265, 266
to confer with City Council 271
Annual report 192
School Festival 61
matters referred 78
report 102
Drawing and Music, duties of; rules amended 209
Henry W. Haynes appointed 219
matters referred 7, 49, 50, 61
report 32, 85, 118, 125, 128, 148, 170, 171, 218
resignation of John G. Blake 7
to report in print 219
Eighth division; report 104
Elections, duties of; rules amended 208
Henry W. Haynes appointed 219
matters referred 7
report 16
Evening Schools, duties of; rules amended 209, 210
matters referred 28
Wm. J. Porter appointed chairman 97
Chas. H. Reed appointed chairman 199

Page
Committee on Evening Schools, report 55, 141
resignation of Warren Fletcher from chairmanship .. 97
Examinations; matters referred 15, 36, 37
report 42
Fifth Division; Thomas M. Brewer appointed 25
First Division; Henry W. Haynes appointed 219
matters referred 48
Fourth Division; further time granted 192
matters referred 80, 91, 128, 174, 229
report 195, 203, 243
High Schools 6
matters referred 98, 120, 121, 123, 134, 188
report 128, 148, 149, 187, 188
Horace Mann School; annual report 235, 236
Thomas M. Brewer appointed 25
duties of; rules amended 209
matters referred 54
resignation of John G. Blake 24
to confer with Committee of State Legislature ... 35
Industrial Education 13
matters referred 83
meeting of 140
report 34, 225, 241, 242, 243
to report in print 187
Investigation 178
report 226
resignation of H. P. Bowditch 182
F. Lyman Winship appointed 182
Licensed Minors; Nahum Chapin appointed chairman 219
duties of; rules amended 210
Henry W. Haynes appointed 219
matters referred 40
report 248, 272
Matters before Legislature 14
Nomination of candidate for Secretary and for Auditing Clerk 173
report ... 180
Nominations; Thomas M. Brewer appointed 25
Abram E. Cutter appointed 25
granted further time 127
Henry W. Haynes appointed 219
matters referred 10, 33, 44, 95, 219
report, 11, 12, 13, 21, 22, 27, 28, 31, 32, 41, 42, 53, 54, 59, 65, 69, 70, 83, 84, 85, 99, 100, 127, 135, 143, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 177, 182, 185, 186, 194, 195, 201, 202, 203, 221, 222, 223, 231, 232, 233, 245, 251, 252, 253, 259, 260, 261, 269, 270
resignation of Brooks Adams 25
to report in print 128
Normal School 6
granted further time 86
matters referred 50, 51, 60, 74
report 86, 96, 129, 153

Page
Committee on Primary School Instruction 192
annual appointment of 192, 196
duties of 196
rules amended 209
rules amended 197
Revision of School System 18
matters referred 57, 72, 74, 147
John B. Moran appointed 74
order recommitted 56
report, 34, 43, 49, 60, 62, 63, 65, 66, 70, 71, 73, 74, 80, 86, 91, 93, 119, 139, 140, 153, 181
resignation of Abram E. Cutter 74
to report in print 18
Rules and Regulations; Thomas M. Brewer appointed 29
Henry W. Haynes appointed 220
matters referred, 37, 39, 40, 51, 70, 71, 73, 81, 93, 119, 120, 121, 123, 125, 129, 140, 151, 152, 153, 178, 192, 217, 226, 241, 261
minority report 266
report, 44, 45, 46, 47, 111, 112, 116, 137, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 152, 153, 170, 171, 172, 196, 197, 207, 225, 240, 241, 247, 266, 273
resignation of William H. Finney 29
Salaries, duties of 37, 44, 208
granted further time 70
matters referred .. 9, 15, 16, 17, 19, 24, 34, 54, 56, 71, 103, 174, 181, 188, 195, 206, 220, 223, 234, 235, 237, 238, 254, 271
minority report 190
report .. 22, 23, 28, 42, 43, 59, 97, 100, 142, 150, 181, 182, 188, 189, 190, 204, 218, 224, 229, 238, 239, 256, 257, 262, 263, 266
School-houses, duties of; rules amended 208
Joseph D. Fallon appointed 220
matters referred .. 8, 9, 16, 40, 47, 55, 77, 103, 104, 118, 120, 130, 134, 136, 138, 149, 174, 182, 189, 196, 207, 237, 243, 267
report ... 33, 34, 56, 60, 61, 130, 131, 132, 133, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 204, 205, 240, 248
Second Division; Thomas M. Brewer appointed 25
matters referred 91, 133, 140, 147
report 133, 181
Seventh Division; report 29
Sewing, duties of; rules amended 209
matters referred 38, 48, 61, 72, 95
report 71, 72, 93, 136, 248
to report a plan for instruction by regular teachers .. 38, 67, 71, 72
order to rescind. 72
Simple dress at graduation 80
Supplies, duties of; amendment proposed 208
rules amended 209
granted further time 173

Page
Committee on Supplies; matters referred...7, 18, 29, 34, 35, 48, 50, 62, 182, 192, 226, 261, 267, 271
report.....43, 57, 62, 79, 80, 118, 125, 128, 173, 223, 261, 272
Text-books, geographies; recommitted 109
granted further time 65
matters referred.....36, 56, 97, 109, 223
report ..80, 87, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 123, 181, 186, 187, 198, 225, 255
amendments to 96
Third Division; Henry W. Haynes appointed..... 219
matters referred..... 91
report 118, 119
Truant Officers, duties of; rules amended 210
Warren Fletcher appointed..... 29
granted further time..... 147
matters referred.....49, 180, 183, 190
report 168, 171, 179, 217, 224, 262
recommitted..... 169
resignation of Wm. H. Finney..... 29
to collect certificates..... 3
report..... 4
confer with City Council..... 271
examine Dr. Leigh's system 17, 18
report..... 32
investigate employment of children in theatrical performances..... 95
report... 100
Committees, meetings of; rules amended 210
unfinished business, referred..... 10
vacancies on; rules amended 197
Communication concerning Technical Education..... 83
from Board of Health 48, 78, 247
Supervisors 36, 42
City Clerk..... 3
Osborne Howes, Jr..... 193
Thomas F. Nutter..... 134
Primary teachers in Seventh Division..... 74
Mrs. Quincy A. Shaw..... 147
Walter Smith..... 7
Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children..... 183
Jeremiah E. Thomas 29
to City Council 271
Communications concerning boundary lines of Allston and Bennett Districts..... 118
Confirmation of teachers. (See Teachers, confirmation of.)
Consolidation of Normal and Rice Training Schools.....51, 56, 60
petitions against.....51, 57
schools.....91, 104, 119, 133, 140, 147, 181
Contagious diseases, observance of Regulations, Sect. 199 9
Contract for supplies 62, 226, 227
Convention to fill vacancy in School Committee proposed..... 191
held..... 193
rules amended..... 197
Cook, Sarah A., leave of absence..... 48
Coolidge, Helen M., confirmation of..... 100

Page
Coombs, John C., election of 233
Copies of Rules and Regulations 218
School Manual 25
Superintendent's Report 24, 187
Copyist, salary of 189, 190
Corporal punishment in Latin School 144, 170
rules amended 213
Cost of drawing-books 50, 118, 128
Cottage-place School-house; discharge of janitor 263
Course of instruction for advanced classes in High Schools 121, 172, 173
teachers 17, 129, 138, 152
in High Schools, two years 121, 172
Latin School, six years 120, 139, 144, 170
study in Drawing 49, 85
Normal School 51, 86, 96, 138, 152
Courses of study and text-books to be printed 234
additional copies 246
Crocker, Miss Lucretia, opinion of 94
Sarah E., leave of absence 35
Crotty, Mary J., resignation of 12
Crozier, Annie M., confirmation of 11
Cunningham, Mary T., temporary teacher 232
Curtis, Augusta R., confirmation of 11
Cushing, Alice M., confirmation of 270
nomination of 185
Cutler, Caroline F., confirmation of 270
nomination of 221
salary of 237, 256
Cutter, Abram E., appointed on Committee on Nominations 25
elected Treasurer of Corporation 4
resignation from Committee on Revision 74
Charles K., election of 233
L. N., examination of 199
Lucy R., resignation of 28

Darling, Hattie A., confirmation of 127
nomination of 31
Date of opening Evening Elementary Schools 206
Davis, Mary A., leave of absence 86
Dayley, Frances I., resignation of 143
Dean, Thomas, election of 203
Walter L., election of 235
Dearborn District; boundary lines 162
Death of Caroline M. Brackett 55
Henry H. Gould 86
DeCosta, Ellen B., resignation of 270
Deland, Emily M., confirmation of 84
nomination of 21
Detention of pupils 81, 111, 129
Dexter, Florence E., transfer of 202
Dillaway, Charles K., and others, petition from 48
School; boundary lines 162, 163, 216, 217
named 29
house, inscription for 47, 60

Page
Dillaway School-house, sidewalk paved 47
Dimick, Frank E., election of 233
Diploma graduates, names of, rules amended 210
Diplomas for graduates of High Schools 172
Director of Drawing, reëlection of 149, 159
Music, reëlection of 149, 159
Primary Instruction 153
Discharge of janitors 80, 263
District lines, change of..14, 15, 91, 103, 118, 120, 130, 131, 132, 134, 136, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 216, 217, 243
for High Schools 120, 130
Ditson, Ernestine, resignation of 13
Division Committees appointed 6
duties of; rules amended 225
matters referred 91
meetings of; rules amended 210
Dix, Florence, nomination of 270
substitute 240
Dixwell, John, M.D., communication from 183
Dodge, Frances L., leave of absence 8
Dorchester Evening Drawing School, discontinued 148
School, change of name 24
High School, advanced course 173
Draper, Henrietta, leave of absence 253
Drawing and Music, Committee on. (See Com. on Drawing and Music.)
books, cost of 50, 118, 128
course of study 49, 85
Director of; reëlection of 149, 159
Evening School at Dorchester discontinued 148
Roxbury, casts for 267
in Ward 25 32
Washington School-house 198
Schools, election of teachers 150, 218, 235
number of 50, 148
rank of principals 216
rules amended 216
in High Schools taught by regular teachers 50
instruction in, by W. Bertha Hintz 49
number of special teachers 49, 149, 159, 160
programme of instruction 170, 171
teachers, reëlection of 148, 160
Drawings, exhibition of 34, 43
Driscoll, Mary E., confirmation of 269
nomination of 221
temporary teacher 41, 143
Driver, Arthur, compensation to 15, 23
Drowne, Elizabeth R., leave of absence 54
Dudley District, boundary lines 163, 164
Primary accommodations 207, 240
School for girls; name changed to "Dillaway" 29
Dunn, Clara C., nomination of 201
temporary teacher 32, 202
Dwight District; Primary accommodations 237
Dyer, Ellen M., nomination of 186

Page
East Boston Branch High School, accommodations for, additional 16, 34
military drill 8
Eaton, Jennie A., leave of absence 16
Egan, Sabina, confirmation of 135
nomination of 53
term of service 66
Egleston Square, petition for Grammar School 138, 205
Primary School, yard of 55, 60
Eichberg, Julius, reëlection of 149, 159
Eichberg's Girls' High School Music Reader 181, 186, 187
Eighth Division, consolidation of schools 104
Election of Auditing Clerk 180
Thomas M. Brewer 17
Henry W. Haynes 194
instructors for seven months 119
messenger 4
new members, certificates of 3, 4
subordinate teachers; rules amended 145, 170, 211
principals; rules amended 211
Secretary and Auditing Clerk 4
Secretary 181
teachers. (See Teachers, election of.)
Treasurer of Corporation 4
Vice-President 4
Elections, Committee on. (See Com. on Elections.)
Eliot District, boundary lines 14
Emery, Mary A., resignation of 253
Employment of children in theatrical performances 95, 100
substitutes in Primary Schools 146, 170
English High School, advanced course 172
(new), inscription for 56
text-book for study of book-keeping 55
Erskine, Margaret B., confirmation of 41
Evening Drawing School, Dorchester, discontinued 148
Roxbury, casts for 267
Ward 25 32
Washington School-house 198
Schools, election of instructors 150, 218, 235
number of 50, 148
rank of principals 216
rules amended 216
High School, additional text-books 254
election of principal 203
Secretary 203
teachers 203, 253
instruction in hygiene 249
language classes 249
text-books for 254
salary of Secretary 224
supplementary reading 255
School, petition for extension of term 28
principals elected 232, 233, 245

Page
Evening School, principals to hold second grade certificates 233, 234
teachers, elected 9, 203, 252, 253, 260
salaries of 71, 115, 151
special grade certificates to Warrenton-street 205
Schools, additional text-books 249, 254
book-keeping blanks 255
buildings for use of 141, 142, 198
Committee on. (See Com. on Evening Schools.)
date of opening 206
instructors for German pupils 249
name of Dorchester School changed 24
nomination of teachers 9, 203, 252, 253, 260
postponement of beginning of term 198
regulations of 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 129, 226
reorganization of 71, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116
salaries of teachers 71, 115, 151
suitable text-books 71, 115
Truant Officers to attend 39, 45, 115, 116
vacation 254
Everett District, Primary accommodations 237
Examination of L. N. Cutter 199
first classes in Primary Schools 146, 147, 170
Examinations, Committee on. (See Com. on Examinations.)
Exeter-street School, name for (See Prince School) 80, 91, 125, 126, 128, 174, 203
organization of 91, 125, 126, 128, 192
separation from Brimmer District .. 91, 125, 126, 128, 192, 195, 228, 243
vaults in basement 48, 78
Exhibition of drawings 34, 43
Exhibitions of Grammar Schools, dates of 130
regulation of 248
High Schools, dates of 134
regulation of 248

Fagan, Annie A. E., confirmation of 85
nomination of 59
transfer of 202
Fallon, Joseph D., appointed on Committee on School-houses 220
Farrington, Anna M., confirmation of 259
renomination of 156
Barbara C., leave of absence 14
Mary L., substitute 253
Fay, Eliza A., leave of absence 247
Fifth Division, Committee on, Thomas M. Brewer appointed 25
Finneran, Catherine J., confirmation of 84
nomination of 27
Finney, Wm. H., elected Vice-President 4
resignation from Committee on Rules and Regulations 29
Truant Officers 29
First Division, Committee on. (See Com. on First Division.)
Fitzgerald, Mary L., confirmation of 84
nomination of 21
Fletcher, Warren, appointed on Committee on Truant Officers 29
resignation from chairmanship of Committee on Evening Schools .. 97

Page
Flynn, Marian A., confirmation of 69
nomination of 22
salary of 24, 28
Mary E., nomination of 260
Fogarty, Sarah G., confirmation of 270
nomination of 202
Folger, Minnie I., confirmation of 84
nomination of 41
Foreign language, third year in High Schools 188
languages, instruction in, in Evening High Schools 249, 254
High Schools 195
Foster, Alla G., confirmation of 251
nomination of 185
salary of 199
Fourth Division, Committee on. (See Com. on Fourth Division.)
grade certificates of service 36, 42
Music Reader in Grammar third classes 199
Franklin Arithmetics; reconsideration 110
Mary E., confirmation of 21
salary of 34, 43
Written Arithmetic, text-book in Evening Elementary Schools 249
Freeman's History of England 187, 198, 225
French, instruction in, in High Schools 121, 122, 144, 145, 149, 170
Frisbee, J. L., election of 235
Frost, Laura, confirmation of 130
nomination of 41
Fuller, John A., and others, petition from 191, 223
Sarah, reëlection of 160
salary of 150
Furbush, Florence G., confirmation of 69
resignation of 186

Gardner, Charlotte M., confirmation of 269
renomination of 156
Garey, Callie E., nomination of 155
Garland, Susan G. B., leave of absence 199
Gaston District, Primary accommodations 174, 204
Wm., and others, petition from 190, 224
Gavett, Ann R., leave of absence 253
Geographies: recommitted to Committee on Text-Books 109
Report of Committee on Text-Books 123
Geometrical Drawing in Grammar Schools 49, 85
German, instruction in, in High Schools 121, 122, 144, 145, 149, 170
pupils, instructors for in Evening Schools 249
Gibson District, boundary lines 134, 165, 166
Gilmore, K. M., and others, petition from 147
Ginn, James F., and others, petition from 147
Girdwood, Jessie, nomination of 185
salary of 206, 224
Girls' High School, advanced course 172
special teacher of physical culture 186
Gleason, Edna, leave of absence 78
Gott, Annie C., temporary teacher 231, 252

Page
Gould, Henry H., death of 86
leave of absence 54
Graduates of Grammar Schools; rules amended 215
Grammar classes, spelling-book for 97
third classes, Fourth Music Reader 199
School at Egleston Square, petition for 138, 205
principals, duties of 145, 146, 147, 153, 170, 213, 240
text-books; rules amended 226
Schools, annual exhibitions 130, 248
arithmetics in; rules amended 226
consolidation of 91, 104, 119, 133, 140, 147 181
dates of exhibitions 130
duties of principals; rules amended 145, 146, 147, 153, 170, 213, 240
free text-books 18, 43, 57, 62
Geometrical Drawing 49, 85
graduates; rules amended 215
Graves, Carrie W., confirmation of 100
Groce, Byron, salary of 195, 229
Grove Hall, Primary accommodations near 9, 61
Gunn, Katie S., confirmation of 41
Gustin, Nellie M., admitted to school without vaccination 246
Guyot's Geography, adoption proposed 96
Geographies instead of Warren's, adoption proposed 124

Hale, Edward E., and others, petition from 46
Hall, Lottie B., nomination of 222
Hammond, Geo. F., election of 235
Hancock, Ella M., resignation of 232
Hanna, Emily A., leave of absence 48
resignation of 177
Hapenny, Lydia E., confirmation of 270
nomination of 195
temporary teacher 42, 155
Harlow, Carrie A., nomination of 270
temporary teacher 27
Harper's Geography instead of Warren's Geography, adoption proposed 96, 124
Harriman, E. Maria, confirmation of 269
nomination of 185
Harrington, Elvira M., leave of absence 14
resignation of 127
Helen S., nomination of 221
substitute 8
temporary teacher 83, 222
Julia E., confirmation of 69
Harris, Carrie J., leave of absence 55
Haynes, Henry W., appointed on committees 219, 220
credentials of 201
election of 194
Hidden, Emily P., resignation of 22
High School, Branch, in South Boston 149
Districts, boundary lines 120, 130, 167
graduates excused from participating in School Festival 149

Page
High School, West Roxbury, principal elected 232
Schools, annual exhibitions 134, 248
astronomy omitted, third year 188
attendance of pupils in districts outside of residence; rules amended ... 216
central, permits to attend 187, 188
Comer's system of book-keeping adopted in 207
Committee on. (See Com. on High Schools.)
course of instruction for advanced classes 121, 172, 173
two years 121, 172
dates of exhibitions 134
diplomas for graduates 172
director of French and of German 121
drawing taught by regular teachers 50
foreign languages in 195
third year 188
free text-books and materials 18, 43, 57, 62
instruction in French and German 121, 122, 144, 145, 149, 170
Irving's Sketch Book, adopted for 152
number of pupils to a teacher 123, 137, 153
pupils not to attend after graduation 123
rules amended 215
regulations of, Superintendent to enforce 122
session suspended 95
third-year classes; rules amended 215
transportation of pupils 120, 148
vacancy in a principalship; rules amended 211
vacation of 134, 148
Hintz, Emma L. B., transfer of 28
W. Bertha, instruction in drawing 49
salary of 17, 23, 188, 204
Hoar, Nellie A., leave of absence 8
Hodgate, John M., election of 233
Hodgdon, Geo. R., and others, petition from 147
Holiday for schools 48, 110, 246
Holman, W. O., and others, petition from 147
Horace Mann School, Committee on. (See Com. on Horace Mann School.)
house; remodelling 182, 248
reëlection of principal 136, 160
teachers 136, 160
salary of principal 150
Hovey, Louisa A., resignation of 195
Howard, Elizabeth P., confirmation of 11
salary of 206, 239
Howe, E. W., leave of absence 15
Howes, Lizzie G., confirmation of 269
nomination of 194
Osborne, Jr., communication from 193
Hunt, Ellen A., resignation of 186
Hutchins, Amy, confirmation of 84
nomination of 12
Hutchinson, Winfield S., election of 203
Hygiene, instruction in, in Evening High School 249

Page
Indigent pupils, books for; rules amended 213
Industrial Education, Committee on. (See Com. on Industrial Education.)
School, appropriation for 34, 79, 241, 242
building for 243
management of 243
Inscription for Dillaway School-house 47, 60
new English High and Latin School building 56
Prince School-house 224
Instruction in Drawing, by W. Bertha Hintz 49
programme of 170, 171
French and German in High Schools 121, 122, 144, 145, 149, 170
Grammar Schools, by principals 153, 240
Music, Kindergarten System 61, 85
primary schools, supervision of; rules amended 213
sewing by regular teachers 38, 71, 72, 93
Intermediate Schools, regulations of 146, 170, 214, 215, 217
Investigation, Committee on. (See Com. on Investigation.)
Irving's Sketch Book adopted for use of High Schools 152

Janitors, appointment of chief 104, 266
discharge of 80, 263
Jeffries, Dr. B. Joy, report of 61
Jellison, Julia A., confirmation of 84
Jepson, George, election of 150
Jones, Eliza W., confirmation of 127
nomination of 31
salary of 103, 218
Jonsen, Carl, election of 260

Kelley, Frances T., confirmation of 11
resignation of 70
Kendall, Ida F., temporary teacher 83, 222
Jennie I., temporary teacher 70, 135
Kendrick, Laura M., nomination of 231
Kennemon Cicely M., temporary teacher 202
Keyes, Frances V., election of 233
Kimball, Helen M., resignation of 22
Kindergarten, abolishment of 39, 46, 47
petition for continuance 46
System of Music, instruction in 61, 85
Kindergartens, additional 46
rooms for 138, 239
Kittredge, Mary F., leave of absence 56
Krauss, E. C. F., confirmation of 84
reëlection of 186

Ladreyt, Marie C., confirmation of 84
reëlection of 186
Language classes in Evening High-School 249
text-books for 254
Lapham, Nellie I., substitute 237
Lathrop, Maria H., nomination of 223

Page
Lathrop, Maria H., salary of 9, 23
Latin School, admission of candidates 120, 139, 144, 170
corporal punishment in 144, 170
course of instruction, six years 120, 139, 144, 170
house (new), inscription for 56
Lawrence District, Primary accommodations 204, 205
Leach, Anna, transfer of 33, 42
Learned, Kittie A., confirmation of 65
Leave of absence to Abbie L. Baker 237
E. Elizabeth Boies 24
Elizabeth P. Boynton 78
Betsey P. Burgess 48
Mary L. Charles 86
Sarah A. Cook 48
Sarah E. Crocker 35
Mary A. Davis 86
Frances L. Dodge 8
Henrietta Draper 253
Elizabeth R. Drowne 54
Jennie A. Eaton 16
Barbara C. Farrington 14
Eliza A. Fay 247
Susan G. B. Garland 199
Ann R. Gavett 254
Edna Gleason 78
Henry H. Gould 54
Emily A. Hanna 48
Elvira M. Harrington 14
Carrie J. Harris 55
Nellie A. Hoar 8
E. W. Howe 15
Mary F. Kittredge 56
Sarah E. Lovell 224
Annie M. Lund 199
Sarah J. March 103
Sarah E. McPhail 86
Cynthia G. Melvin 77
Moses Merrill 8
Adelaide Meston 81
Mary F. Neale 77
Isadora Page 78
Emily B. Peck 189
Amelia H. Pitman 56
Almy C. Plummer 10
Elizabeth R. Preston 219
Sophia E. Raycroft 219
Lois M. Rea 14
L. M. A. Redding 14
Clara J. Reynolds 15, 48
Mary E. Sawyer 28
Julia Scribner 55
Louisa P. Smith 192

Page
Leave of absence to Mercy T. Snow 73
Emma A. Temple 187
Ella S. Wales 73
Eliza A. Wiggin 17
Lucy A. Wiggin 17
Henrietta M. Young 225
Leavitt, Jane S., nomination of 260
Mary G. C., certificate to 36, 42
Legislature Committee appointed 8
Leigh's System, Committee to examine 17, 18
report 32
use of, next school year 33
Lessons to be learned out of school 81, 111, 129
Lewis District; boundary lines 164
primary accommodations in 196, 248
Licensed Minors, Committee on. (See Com. on Licensed Minors.)
Minors' Schools; admission of girls 40, 248
rules amended 216
reëlection of teachers 160
Light Mary F., resignation of 32
Lincoln School-house, repairs in 77, 133
Littlefield, Geo. T., continued as principal of Prescott District 174
reëlection of 183
Loker, Sarah W., substitute 54
Lord, Fanny E., temporary teacher 83
Loring, Geo. A., election of 235
Lovell, Sarah E., leave of absence 224
Lowell District; boundary lines 164, 165
primary accommodations in 196, 205
Lund, Annie M. leave of absence 199

Mace, Maria L., substitute 206
Macomber, Ella L., confirmation of 84
Maltchycé, Marie de, confirmation of 100
nomination of 83
Mann, George C., election of 232
temporary teacher 12, 53, 185
Hattie, confirmation of 269
nomination of 221
Mary E., confirmation of 194
nomination of 59
renomination 156
Manual, copies of 25
preparation of; rules amended 211
March, Sarah J., leave of absence 103
Marlow, Catherine K., confirmation of 135
nomination of 31
Marshall, E. C., petition from 147
Martin, William H., election of 233
Mason, Luther W., petition from 261, 272
testimonial to 255
Mather building (S. B.); additional yard room 77, 133

Page
Mather District; boundary lines....134, 165, 166, 167
Matters before Legislature, Committee on.... 14
McAuliffe, Abbie C., confirmation of.... 269
nomination of.... 201
temporary teacher....12, 42, 99
McGlinchey, Hannah L., temporary teacher.... 12
McIntosh, Samuel, petitions for reinstatement.... 190, 224
election of.... 224
McMahon, W., petition from, concerning Edison's inventions.... 7
McPhail, Sarah E., leave of absence.... 86
McWilliams, Maude, confirmation of.... 69
Means, John O., and others, petition from.... 48
Meeting of Board, change of time.... 95
Committee on Industrial Education.... 140
Melvin, Cynthia G., leave of absence.... 77
Merriam, Ida A., substitute.... 254
Merrill, Achsa M., confirmation of.... 251
nomination of.... 195
salary of....254, 263
Lucy, confirmation of.... 135
nomination of.... 31
Moses, leave of absence.... 8
Messenger elected.... 4
salary of....19, 23
Meston, Adelaide, leave of absence.... 81
resignation of.... 186
Metric System, apparatus for Primary Schools....87, 118
Military Drill, abolishment of....123, 128
accommodations for in East Boston Branch High School.... 8
re-election of special instructor.... 186
Milldam Primary School, abolishment....103, 130
Miller, Leslie, election of.... 150
Mills, Sarah J., resignation of....219, 222
Monroe-street, Primary accommodations.... 9
Moore, Hobart, reëlection of.... 186
Moran, John B., appointed on Committee on Accounts.... 199
Revision.... 74
resignation from Committee on School-houses.... 220
Morand, Henri, reëlection of.... 186
Moriarty, W. H., election of.... 203
Morong, Arthur B., election of.... 203
Morrill, Ella E., substitute.... 219
Morrisey, Lizzie M., nomination of.... 221
temporary teacher.... 12
Morrison, Rebecca, confirmation of.... 44, 54
Mudge, H. N., election of.... 218
Mullaly, Jennie, confirmation of.... 100
Munsell, A. H., election of.... 235
Murphy, Ellen M., substitute.... 237
M. Agnes, confirmation of.... 231
nomination of.... 84
renomination of.... 156

Page
Murtagh, Kate A. T., confirmation of 270
nomination of 100
renomination of 156
temporary teacher 42
Music Director, reëlection of 149, 159
instruction, Kindergarten System 61, 85
petition for permission to compare results 61
Reader, Fourth, in third classes of Grammar Schools 199
teachers, reëlection of 148
Musical assistance, extra, for school exhibitions 85

Name of Dorchester Evening School changed to "Mather" 24
Dudley School for girls changed to "Dillaway" 29
for Exeter-street School (Prince School) 80, 91, 125, 126, 128, 174, 203
Nason, Cornelia P., confirmation of 69
Nay, Eva M., temporary teacher 83, 222
Neale, Mary F., leave of absence 77
Newton, John F., and others, petition from 48
Mrs. John F. and others, petition from 48
Nichols, Mary L., transfer of 223
Nickerson, Fanny N., temporary teacher 27, 99
Nomination of Auditing Clerk 153
candidate for Secretary and for Auditing Clerk, Committee on 173
report .. 180
Secretary 153
special teacher of physical culture, Girls' High School 186
sciences, Roxbury and West Roxbury High Schools .. 185
subordinate teachers 145
teachers. (See Teachers, nomination of.)
Evening Schools 9, 203, 252, 253, 260
Drawing Schools 150, 218, 235
Nominations, Committee on. (See Com. on Nominations.)
Norcross District; boundary lines 132
primary accommodations 204
Normal and Rice Training Schools, consolidation of 51, 56, 60
petitions against 51, 57
report on 60
School, Committee on. (See Com. on Normal School.)
course of instruction for teachers 17, 129, 138, 152
study 51, 86, 96, 129, 138, 152
graduates excused from participating in School Festival 149
regulations 129, 137, 138, 152, 226, 227, 228, 236
vacancy in principalship; rules amended 211
Norris, John O., rank of 202
reconsideration 223
salary of 239
Number of Evening Drawing Schools 50, 148
special instructors in drawing 49, 159, 160
pupils to a teacher in Evening Drawing Schools 216
High Schools 123, 137, 153
Supervisors 37, 45
Truant Officers 49, 168, 169, 179
Nutter, Thomas F., communication from 134

Page
Oak, George, election of 233
square Primary School curbstone 196
O'Connor, Mary E., confirmation of 259
nomination of 221
substitute 78
temporary teacher 22
O'Dowd, Honora T., confirmation of 84
nomination of 22
Oliver, Abby S., confirmation of 11
Opinion of City Solicitor 241, 255, 256
requested 247
Miss Lucretia Crocker 94
Superintendent 46, 51, 66, 88, 120, 121, 122, 123, 140, 170, 173, 217, 242
expression of, when requested by the Board 125, 137, 153
Organization of Exeter-street School 91, 125, 126, 128, 192
Primary Schools 73, 140
School Committee 3
Orr, Ella A., nomination of 259
Our World Series of Geographies 109
Out-of-school lessons 81, 111, 129
Owen, Roscoe P., election of 203

Page, Isadora, leave of absence 78
resignation of 222
Paine, Benj. T., and others, petition from 98
Palmer, Elizabeth, nomination of 201
Mary A., nomination of 251
temporary teacher 22, 99
Paul, Joseph F., and others, petition from 51
Peck, Emily B., leave of absence 189
Permits to attend central High Schools 187, 188
Perry, Florence A., confirmation of 269
nomination of 201
substitute 73
Peters, Alvah H., elected messenger 4
salary of 19, 23
Petition for continuance of Brighton High School 98
Kindergarten 46
Grammar School, Egleston square 138, 205
Primary class near Ashmont Station 40, 132
reopening Washington-Street Primary School 191, 223
use of hall in Rice School Building 261
from A. E. Alden 62, 79
Boston Woman's Christian Temperance Union 261
Thomas M. Brewer for recount of votes 6, 17
amendment to 7
Brimmer School Association 80, 203
Benj. Brintnall and others 147
Dudley R. Child and others 51
Charles K. Dillaway and others 48
John A. Fuller and others 191, 223

Page
Petition from Wm. Gaston and others....190, 224
K. M. Gilmore and others.... 147
James F. Ginn and others.... 147
Edward E. Hale and others.... 46
Geo. R. Hodgdon and others.... 147
W. O. Holman and others.... 147
E. C. Marshall and others.... 147
Luther W. Mason....261, 272
W. McMahon, concerning Edison's inventions.... 7
John O. Means and others.... 48
John F. Newton and others.... 48
Mrs. John F. Newton and others.... 48
Benj. T. Paine and others.... 98
Joseph F. Paul and others.... 51
pupils of Old Franklin Evening School, for extension of term.... 28
William Read, M.D. and others.... 57
Joseph S. Ropes and others.... 48
Mrs. Quincy A. Shaw and others.... 138
E. S. Tobey and others....174, 203
N. S. Wakefield and others....138, 205
H. F. Wight....61, 85
Woman's Education Association.... 61
Wm. Burnet Wright and others.... 57
Petitions against consolidation of Normal and Rice Schools....51, 57
schools in Second Division.... 147
discontinuing Bowdoin School.... 119
for continuance of sewing....48, 61, 73
reinstatement of Truant Officer McIntosh....190, 224
Phillips District; boundary lines....14, 15
Physical culture; rules amended.... 215
special teacher, nomination of.... 186
Pierce, Mary E., confirmation of.... 270
nomination of.... 195
substitute.... 78
Pike, Charlotte A., nomination of.... 99
renomination of.... 156
Pitman, Amelia H., leave of absence.... 56
Plummer, Almy C., leave of absence.... 10
Laura S., confirmation of.... 41
Porter, Alice M., nomination of.... 251
temporary teacher.... 202
Wm. J., appointed chairman of Committee on Evening Schools.... 97
elected Auditing Clerk.... 180
resignation from School Committee.... 191
Pratt, George C., election of.... 233
Prayer.... 3
Presby, Ida M., confirmation of.... 11
Prescott, Ada D., resignation of.... 135
District, principal and teachers continued.... 174
reëlection of teachers.... 182
School, consolidation of....91, 133, 140, 147, 181
house, yard of.... 33
reëlection of principal....182, 183

Page
Preston, Elizabeth R., leave of absence 219
Primary accommodations, Dudley District 207, 240
Dwight District 237
Everett District 237
Gaston District 174, 204
Lawrence District 204
Lewis District 196, 248
Lowell District 196, 205
Norcross District 204
Sixth Division 189, 204
Wall-Street School 247
Primary classes, spelling-book for 97
Instruction, Director of 153
School at Milldam; abolishment 103, 130
in Monroe street, and near Grove Hall 9, 61
Silver street, improvements in 205
Thetford avenue, plank-walk for 246
Third Division, under special care of Superintendent and one Supervisor 33
Wall street, accommodations for 247
Instruction, Committee on. (See Committee on Primary School Instruction.)
near Ashmont Station 40, 132
Schools; classification of 146, 170
duties of Supervisors in charge of 146, 147, 170, 214, 215, 226
employment of substitutes 146, 170
examination of first classes 146, 147, 170
metric apparatus 87, 118
recess in, regulations amended 215
regulations of, rules amended 225
reorganization of 73, 140, 145, 146, 147, 170
supervision and direction of 74, 141, 145, 146, 147, 170, 214
supervision committed to three Supervisors 141, 213
supplementary reading 235
teachers in Seventh Division, communication from 74
Prince School, additional accommodations 267
change in district line proposed 243
house, inscription on 224
matters relating to 228, 243
named (see Exeter street school.) 203
Principal of Evening Drawing Schools, election of 150
High School, election of 203
West Roxbury High School, election of 232
Principals, duties of; rules amended 213, 215
election of; rules amended 211
of Evening Drawing Schools, rank of 216
Elementary Schools, election of 232, 233, 245
to hold second grade certificates 233, 234
Grammar Schools, duties of 145, 146, 147, 153, 170, 213, 240
reëlection of 136, 157, 158, 159, 160, 182, 183
Pritchard, Myron T., confirmation of 231

Page
Pritchard, Myron T., nomination of 84
renomination of 156
resignation of 127
Programme of Instruction in Drawing 170, 171
Promotion of pupils 146, 170
Public Schools, appropriation for exhausted 270, 271
suspension of proposed 271
Pupils, attendance of in districts outside of residence 55
divisions outside of residence 218
detention of 81, 111, 129
not to attend High Schools after graduation 123
rules amended 215
number of, in Evening Drawing Schools, to a teacher 216
High Schools to a teacher 123, 137, 153
promotion of; rates amended 146, 170
transportation of in Charles Sumner District 182, 223
High Schools 120, 148

Randall, E. Augusta, confirmation of 100
Rank of instructors, change of, during school year, amendment proposed 261
John O. Norris 202
reconsideration of 223
Raycroft, Sophia E., leave of absence 219
Raymond, Eugene, compensation to 271
reëlection of 186
Rea, Lois M., leave of absence 14
Read, William, M.D., and others, petition of 57
Recess in Primary Schools; regulations amended 215
Reconsideration. 56, 62, 93, 125, 139, 140, 152, 159, 179, 181, 191, 207, 217, 222, 223, 228, 245
notice given to Secretary 152, 172, 173
Redding, L. M. A., leave of absence 14
Reed, Charles H., appointed chairman of Committee on Evening Schools 199
Reëlection of Directors of Drawing and Music 149, 159
principals. (See Principals, reëlection of.)
teacher of Military Drill 186
teachers. (See Teachers, reëlection of.)
canvass for 145, 170
classification for 119, 171, 172
special 148, 159, 160, 186
Truant Officers 168, 179, 224
Regulations of Evening Schools 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 129
High Schools, Superintendent to enforce 122
Intermediate Schools 146, 170, 214, 215, 217
Normal School 129, 137, 138, 152, 226, 227, 228, 236
Primary Schools, amended 215
Truant Officers 116, 117, 118, 129
Reorganization of Evening Schools 71, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116
Primary Schools 73, 140, 145, 146, 170
Repairs in Lincoln School-house 77, 133
Report of Board of Supervisors. (See Supervisors, report.)
City Board of Health 16
Committee appointed to collect certificates of election 4

Page

Report of Committee on Accounts. (See Com. on Accounts, report.)
Annual School Festival 102
Drawing and Music. (See Com. on Drawing and Music, report.)
Eighth Division 104
Report of Committee on Elections 16
Evening Schools 55, 141
Examination of Dr. Leigh's system..... 32
Examinations 42
Fourth Division 195, 203, 243
High Schools. (See Com. on High Schools, report.)
Industrial Education. (See Com. on Industrial Education, report.)
Investigation 226
Nomination of candidate for Secretary and for Auditing Clerk. 180
Nominations. (See Com. on Nominations, report.)
Normal School 86, 96, 129, 153
Revision. (See Com. on Revision, report.)
Rules and Regulations. (See Com. on Rules and Regulations, report.)
Salaries. (See Com. on Salaries, report.)
School Houses. (See Com. on School Houses, report.)
Second Division 133, 181
Seventh Division 29
Sewing..... 71, 72, 93, 136, 248
Text-Books. (See Com. on Text-Books, report.)
Third Division 118, 119
Truant Officers. (See Com. on Truant Officers, report.)
to investigate the employment of children in theatrical performances 100
Dr. B. Joy Jeffries on color blindness 61
Reports, verbatim, of proceedings of School Board..... 271, 272
Resignation of Brooks Adams from Committee on Nominations..... 25
Rules and Regulations..... 220
John G. Blake from Committee on Drawing and Music 7
Horace Mann School 24
H. P. Bowditch from Committee on Investigation 182
Abram E. Cutter from Committee on Revision 74
Wm. H. Finney from Committee on Rules and Regulations..... 29
Truant Officers..... 29
Warren Fletcher from chairmanship of Com. on Evening Schools..... 97
John B. Moran from Committee on School-houses..... 220
Wm. J. Porter from School Committee..... 191
Geo. A. Smith as Secretary and Auditing Clerk 151
teachers. (See Teachers, resignation of.)
rules amended 197
Revision of School System, Committee on. (See Com. on Revision.)
Reynolds, Clara J., leave of absence.....15, 48
William A., compensation to 15, 23
Rice and Normal Schools, consolidation of.....51 56, 60
petitions against 51, 57

Page
Rice and Normal Schools, consolidation of, report on 60
School, petition for use of hall 261
Robinson, Clara E., confirmation of 11
Margaret E., resignation of 186
Roper, Mary I., resignation of 260
Ropes, Joseph S., and others, petition from 48
Roxbury Evening Drawing School, casts for 267
Rules and Regulations adopted 4
amended..44, 45, 46, 47, 129, 152, 153, 170, 173, 197, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 225, 226, 227, 228, 236, 240
amendments proposed...37, 39, 40, 51, 70, 71, 73, 81, 93, 119, 120, 121, 123, 125, 129, 140, 148, 151, 152, 153, 178, 179, 192, 196, 197, 217, 226, 261
Committee on. (See Com. on Rules and Regulations.)
copies of 218
section 147 to be enforced 234
199 to be enforced 9
suspended..8, 14, 15, 24, 44, 66, 88, 95, 148, 173, 197, 198, 199, 207, 217, 226, 227, 228, 233, 237, 240, 246, 262
Ruxton, Mary, substitute 219

Salaries, Committee on. (See Com. on Salaries.)
of assistants in Secretary and Auditing Clerk's departments 181, 189, 190
Evening School teachers 71, 115, 151
special instructors 174, 196, 204, 206, 234, 238
teachers, Evening Schools 71, 115, 151
not mentioned in report 151
to be retained until maximum is reached 66
Truant Officers 171
Salary of Louiso P. Arnold 103, 181, 182
Auditing Clerk 181, 189, 190
Lucas Baker 174
Thomas J. Barry 224
Joel C. Bolan 254, 262
Edna F. Calder 199, 206, 238
Celia M. Chase 24, 43
Copyist 189, 190
Caroline F. Cutler 237, 256
Marian A. Flynn 24, 28
Alla G. Foster 199
Mary E. Franklin 34, 43
Sarah Fuller 150
Jessie Girdwood 206, 224
Byron Groce 195, 229
W. Bertha Hintz 17, 23, 188, 204
Elizabeth P. Howard 206, 239
Eliza W. Jones 103, 218
Maria H. Lathrop 9, 23
Achsa M. Merrill 254, 263
Messenger 19, 23
John O. Norris 239
Principal of Horace Mann School 150

Page
Salary of Secretary 181, 189, 190
Isabella Shove 174, 188, 189, 237, 256
Clara F. Stephenson 206, 238
L. Maria Stetson 220, 229
Mabel F. Wheaton 54, 97
Annie M. Wilde 56, 59
Adelaide C. Williams 16, 22
Savage, Mary F., confirmation of 100
nomination of 65
Sawyer, Mary E., leave of absence 28
Scanlan, Bridget E., confirmation of 11
School Board, change in time of meeting 95
organization of 3
vacancy in, convention to fill proposed 191
held 193
rules amended 197
verbatim reports of proceedings 271, 272
buildings for use of Evening Schools 141, 142
Committee Chamber, walls to be tinted 236
Districts, charts of 35, 261
exhibitions; extra musical assistance 85
Festival, Committee on. (See Com. on Annual School Festival.)
date of 126
dispensing with 78, 102
graduates of High and Normal Schools excused from participation ... 149
Houses, Committee on. (See Com. on School Houses.)
Section 193 placed in entrances 48, 79
lessons to be learned out of 81, 111, 129
System, Committee appointed on Revision of. (See Com. on Revision, etc.)
year divided into two terms 120, 137, 153
to begin the first of April 120, 137, 153
Schools, consolidation of 91, 104, 119, 133, 140, 147, 181
holiday for 48, 110, 246, 254
Sciences, special teacher, nomination of 186
Scribner, Julia, leave of absence 55
resignation of 135
Seaverns, Annie W., confirmation of 270
nomination of 202
substitute 35
temporary teacher 222
Second Division, Committee on. (See Com. on Second Division.)
petitions against consolidation of schools 147
Secretary and Auditing Clerk, compensation to 218
elected 4
resignation of 151
to appoint assistants 181
committee appointed to nominate candidate 173
duties of; rules amended 209
elected 181
Evening High School, election of 202
salary of 224
nomination of 153

Page
Secretary *pro tem.*, Geo. A. Smith nominated 153, 155
salary of.....181, 189, 190
Secretary's department, salaries of assistants 181, 189, 190
Section 147, Regulations, to be enforced 234
193 placed in school-houses 48, 79
199, Regulations to be enforced 9
Sénancour, Philippe de, reëlection of..... 186
Session in High Schools suspended 95
Seventh Division, boundary lines in.....136, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165
Committee on, report 29
communication from Primary teachers..... 74
Sewing classes, Tilton's plain needlework..... 223, 255
Committee on. (See Com. on Sewing.)
instruction by regular teachers 38, 71, 72, 93
opinion of Miss Lucretia Crocker, Supervisor 94
petitions for continuance.....48, 61, 73
regular teachers to qualify themselves to teach.....95, 136
teachers, reëlection of 139
Shaughnessy, Thomas F., election of..... 233
Shaw, Mrs. Quincy A., communication from 147
petition from 138
Shepard, Caroline E., substitute..... 78
Sherwin District; boundary lines 136, 165
Shove, Isabella, salary of.....174, 188, 189, 237, 256
Shurtleff District; boundary lines 103, 132
Silver-St. Primary School-house, improvements in 205
Simmons, Emma F., confirmation of..... 269
nomination of 185
substitute..... 10
Simple dress at graduation, Committee on..... 80
Sixth Division, Primary accommodations 189, 204
Small, Carrie M., temporary teacher..... 202
Smith, Alice T., confirmation of..... 27
George A., compensation to 218
elected Auditing Clerk *pro tem.* 175
Secretary and Auditing Clerk 4
Secretary *pro tem*..... 155
nominated Secretary *pro tem*..... 153
resignation of..... 151
Louisa P., leave of absence 192
resignation 222
reconsideration of..... 245
Sarah R., compensation to.....235, 257
nomination of 231
Walter, communication from..... 7
reëlection of 149, 159
Snow, Mercy T., leave of absence 73
resignation of 195
Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children, communication from..... 183
South Boston, Branch High School 149
Special assignment 34, 37, 51, 57, 62, 63, 66, 80, 87, 91, 96, 104, 142, 150, 225, 241
reconsideration..... 56
committees, appointment of; rules amended 197

Page
Special grade certificates of Warrenton-st. Evening School teachers 205
rules amended 212, 225
teacher of physical culture, nomination of 186
sciences 186
position established 234
salary of 206, 234, 238
instructors, roëlection of 148, 159, 160, 186
salaries of 174, 196, 204, 206, 234, 238
Spelling-book for Primary and Grammar classes 97
Spelling-books to be returned to principals 36
Standing committees appointed 5, 6
Stein, John F., reëlection of 186
Stephenson, Clara F., confirmation of 259
nomination of 194
salary of 206, 238
Stereoscopic groups of classes in public schools 62, 79
Stetson, Charles E., confirmation of 253
L. Maria, confirmation of 269
nomination of 194
salary of 220, 229
Stockbridge, Winfield S., temporary teacher 127
Story, Jennie L., nomination of 259
temporary teacher 222
Stumpf, Sarah E., temporary teacher 70, 135, 252, 260
Subordinate instructors, new, election of 145, 170, 211
reëlection of 156, 160, 177, 182
regrading of 67
Substitutes 8, 9, 10, 28, 35, 54, 73, 78, 86, 192, 206, 219, 237, 240, 253, 254
employment of, in Primary Schools 146, 170
rules amended 213
Sullivan, Cornelia M., confirmation of 251
nomination of 185
Superintendent, duties of; rules amended 212
expression of opinion when requested by the Board 125, 137, 153
opinion of 46, 51, 66, 88, 120, 121, 122, 123, 140, 170, 173, 217, 242
to designate Supervisors to take charge of Primary Schools 141
enforce regulations of High Schools 122
report to Com. on Truant Officers 39, 45
Truant Officers, Chief, to report to 39, 45
to consult 70, 117, 129
report to 179
Superintendent's Report, copies of 24, 187
Supervision and direction of Primary Schools 74, 141, 145, 146, 147, 170
Supervisors, Board of, communication from 36, 42
duties of; amendment proposed 217
report on 240
rules amended 212, 213, 226
matters referred 42, 61, 71, 74, 87, 205, 248
report 118, 143
examination of organization of schools; order rescinded 35
in charge of Primary Schools 141, 213
duties of 146, 147, 170, 214, 215, 225

Page
Supervisors, number of 37, 45
Supplementary reading, Evening High School 255
Primary Schools 235
Supplies, Committee on. (See Com. on Supplies.)
for schools; rules amended 213
contract for 62, 226, 227
Board of Investigation of 177
committee to investigate 178, 226
Suspension of public schools proposed 271

Tappan, Margaret F., resignation of 32
Teacher of Military Drill, reëlection of 186
Teachers, confirmation of 11, 21, 27, 31, 41, 44, 53, 54, 65, 69, 84, 85, 100, 127, 135, 194, 203, 218, 231, 235, 251, 252, 253, 259, 260, 269, 270
in Evening Drawing Schools 150, 218, 235
Elementary Schools 9, 203, 252, 253, 260
High School 202, 203, 253, 260
courses of instruction for 17, 129, 138, 152
elected for term of three years; rules amended 211
election for seven months 119
eligible candidates 152
new, subordinate, election of 145, 170, 211
nomination of 11, 12, 21, 22, 27, 31, 41, 53, 59, 65, 83, 84, 99, 100, 143, 155, 156, 185, 186, 194, 195, 201, 203, 218, 221, 231, 251, 259, 260, 270
subordinate 145
of Evening Drawing Schools, election of 150, 218, 235
Elementary Schools, election of 9, 203, 252, 253, 260
High School, election of 203, 253, 260
Schools, salaries of 71, 115, 151
Prescott District continued 174
reëlection of 182
Sewing, reëlection of 139
reëlection of, canvass for 145, 170
classification for 119, 171, 172
in Horace Mann School 136, 160
Licensed Minors Schools 160
rules amended 210, 211
special 148, 160, 186
subordinate 156, 160, 177, 182
regrading of 67
renomination of, on probation 156
resignation of 12, 13, 22, 28, 32, 70, 127, 135, 143, 155, 177, 186, 195, 219, 222, 232, 245, 253, 260, 270
salaries of 66, 151
special, of Drawing and Music; reëlection 148, 160
languages, reëlection 186
subordinate, reëlection 156, 160, 177, 182
tenure of office 119, 171, 172, 226, 241, 247, 248, 255, 256, 266, 273
to qualify themselves to teach sewing 95, 136
transfer of 28, 33, 42, 202, 223, 232
rules amended 225
Technical education, communication concerning 83

Page
Temple, Emma A., leave of absence 187
Temporary teachers.....10, 12, 22, 27, 32, 41, 42, 53, 69, 70, 83, 99, 127, 135, 143, 155, 185, 202, 222, 231, 232, 252, 260
Tenure of office of teachers.....119, 171, 172, 226, 241, 247, 248, 255, 256, 266, 273
Term of service of Emily F. Carpenter 191
Annie D. Clough 18
Sabina Egan 66
Terms of school year.....120, 137, 153
Testimonial to Luther W. Mason 255
Text-book for study of book-keeping 55
Text-books, additional in Evening Elementary Schools 249
High School 254
and courses of study to be printed 234
additional copies 246
change of, only as new classes are formed 87
Committee on. (See Com. on Text Books.)
for Evening Schools 71, 115
free, in Grammar Schools.....18, 43, 57
High Schools 18, 43, 57
in Grammar Schools; rules amended 226
introduction of; rules amended 209
old, for colored schools at the South 29
returned to principals 36
Theatrical performances; employment of children 95, 100
Thetford-avenue school, plank walk for 246
Third Division, Committee on. (See Com. on Third Division.)
Primary School in, under special care of Superintendent and one Supervisor 33
Thomas, Emma F., resignation of 155
Jeremiah E., communication from 29
Thurston, Louise M., confirmation of 65
nomination of 11
Tilton's plain needlework 223, 255
Tobey, E. S., and others, petition from 174, 203
Todd, Harriet L., confirmation of 21
Tolman, Ann, resignation of 186
Toppan, Fannie L., confirmation of 100
nomination of 27
Towle, Mary E., confirmation of 85
Transfer of teachers. (See Teachers, transfer of.)
Transportation of pupils in Charles Sumner District.....182, 223
High Schools 120, 148
Treasurer of Corporation elected 4
Tripp, Sallie B., temporary teacher 232
Truant Officers, abolishment of office of Chief 179, 217
Chief to report to Superintendent 39, 45
Committee on. (See Com. on Truant Officers.)
not to visit children not suspected of truancy.....70, 117, 129
number of 49, 168, 169, 179
reëlection of 168, 179
regulations of 116, 117, 118, 129
report of work 39, 45
salaries of 171

Page
Truant Officers, to attend Evening Schools 39, 45
consult with Superintendent of Schools 70, 117, 129
investigate cases of contagious diseases 9
look after children not on any school register 70, 117, 129
report to Superintendent of Schools 179
Tucker, Emily J., nomination of 259
Tufts, Geo. J., election of 233
Mary E., resignation of 12
Turner, Mary C., confirmation of 21

Unfinished business referred 10, 273
Ungraded classes, rules amended 214, 215, 217
Urann, Grace St. L., confirmation of 53
nomination of 12

Vacancies on committees, rules amended 197
Vacancy in office of vice-president, rules amended 197, 207, 225
reconsideration 207
principalship, Normal or High Schools; rules amended 211
School Board, convention to fill, proposed 191
held 193
rules amended 197
Vacation in Evening Schools 254
High Schools 134, 148
public schools 254
Vaccination, Nellie M. Gustin admitted to school without 246
Vaughn, John, election of 203
Vaults in basements of school-buildings 48, 78
Vice-President elected 4
vacancy in office of; rules amended 197, 207, 225
reconsideration 207
Votes of thanks 273
Vounoh, R. W., election of 235

Wakefield, N. S., and others, petition of 138, 205
Wales, Ella S., leave of absence 73
Wall-street School; other accommodations 247
Walls tinted; School Committee chamber 236
Ward, Clarence S., election of 218
24, Primary class near Ashmont Station 40, 132
25, Evening Drawing School 32
Warren School-house, change in heating apparatus 167, 168
location of master's room 168
Washburn, Frank L., election of 233
Washington School-house, Evening Drawing School in 198
street Primary School, improvement in yard 87
petition for reopening 191, 223
transportation of pupils 182, 223
Watson, Hattie A., confirmation of 84
Weld, Lena S., temporary teacher 12, 69

Page
Wentworth, Lydia G., confirmation of 269
nomination of 201
West Roxbury High School, election of principal 232
Weston, Emma M., nomination of 251
Wetherbee, John E., election of 203
Wheaton, Mabel F., confirmation of 84
nomination of 22
salary of 54, 97
Wheeler, Mary L., resignation of 270
Whelton, Annie J., confirmation of 84
nomination of 27
temporary teacher 12
Whippey, Mary C., nomination of 260
Whitman, Charles O., confirmation of 11
resignation of 177
Whittemore, N. H., confirmation of 69
Wiggin, Eliza A., leave of absence 17
resignation of 222
Lucy A., leave of absence 17
resignation of 222
Mary E., resignation of 222
Wight, H. F., petition from 61, 85
Wilde, Annie M., confirmation of 31
salary of 56, 59
Williams, Adelaide C., salary of 16, 22
Dora, nomination of 251
substitute 192
Janet W., confirmation of 84
nomination of 21
resignation of 186
Wilson, Abbie C., substitute 86
Lucy A., nomination of 260
Sarah W., confirmation of 53
Winship, F. Lyman, appointed on Committee on Investigation 182
Woman's Education Association, petition from 61
Wright, Wm. Burnet, and others, petition from 57

Yard of Egleston Square Primary School-house 55, 60
Prescott School-house 33
Washington-street Primary School, improvement in 87
room, additional, Mather Building (S. B.) 77, 133
Auburn Primary School 147
Yeas and nays, 38, 39, 40, 44, 45, 46, 47, 49, 57, 62, 67, 73, 89, 90, 91, 94, 97, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 121, 124, 125, 133, 141, 150, 160, 169, 173, 174, 187, 225, 242, 266, 267
Young, George H., election of 150
Henrietta M., leave of absence 225

SHELF No.....

[July, 1880, 10,000]

BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY.

One volume allowed at a time, and obtained only by card; to be kept 14 days (or seven days in the case of fiction and juvenile books, published within one year,) without fine; not to be renewed; to be reclaimed by messenger after 21 days, who will collect 20 cents, beside fine of 2 cents a day, including Sundays and holidays; not to be lent out of the borrower's household, and not to be transferred; to be returned at this Hall.

Borrowers finding this book mutilated or unwarrantably defaced, are expected to report it; and also any undue delay in the delivery of books.

***No claim can be established because of the failure of any notice, to or from the Library, through the mail.

The record below must not be made or altered by borrower.